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It's the day before the twins move to Shizuoka.

The twins are ecstatic, because Shiharu is staying over at Matsunaga's house for the first time.

The next day, the Takegawas are coming to pick them up, and it's really time to say goodbye...

But when the moment comes, what will Akane-chan and Aoi-kun do...!?

And what happens to the love between Shiharu and Matsunaga-san!?

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I finally got my wish to have a parrot as a pet! The little bird is a little bit sickly, so it doesn't sing as much as I expected. Anyway, the birdie does fly around above my head.

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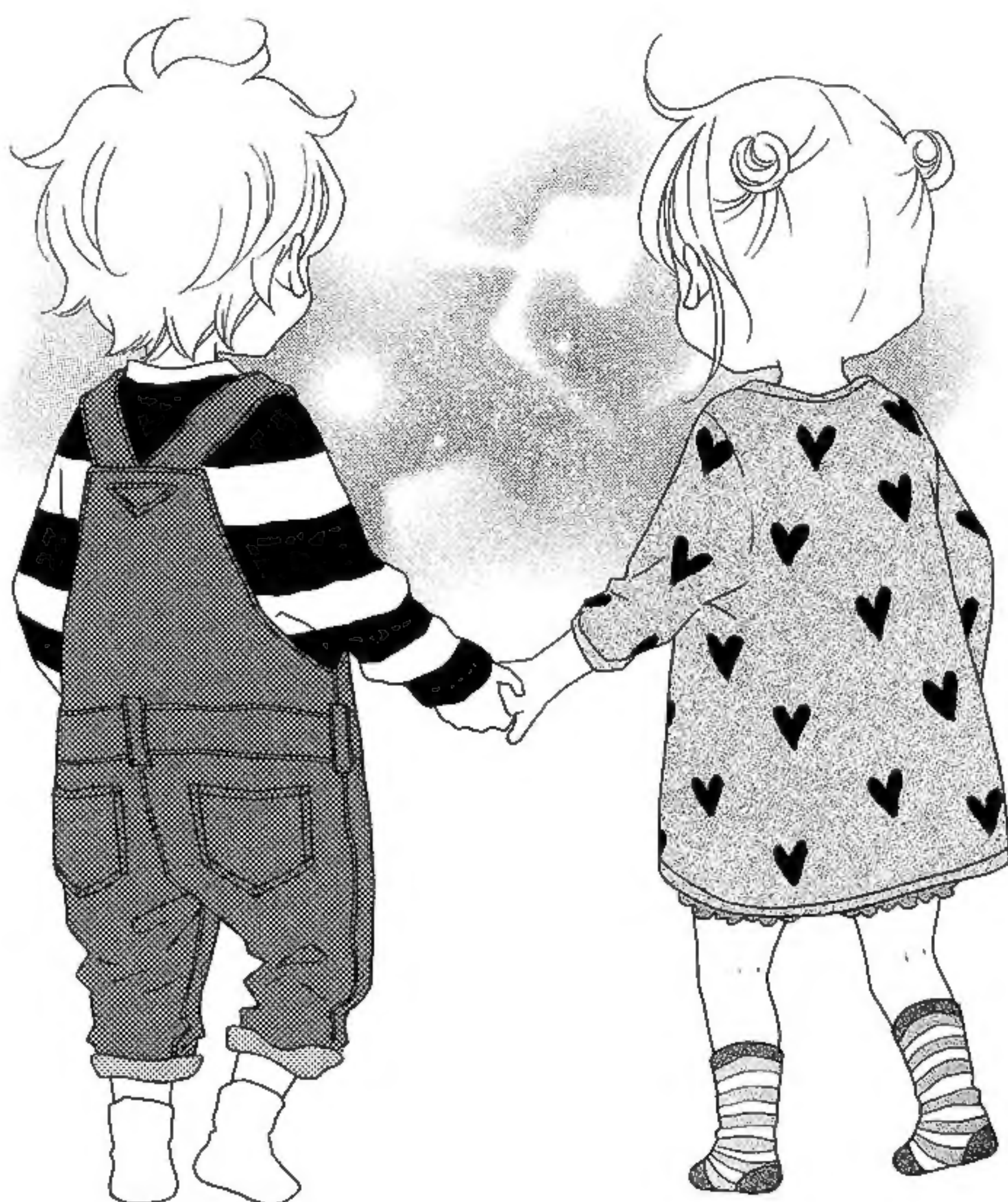
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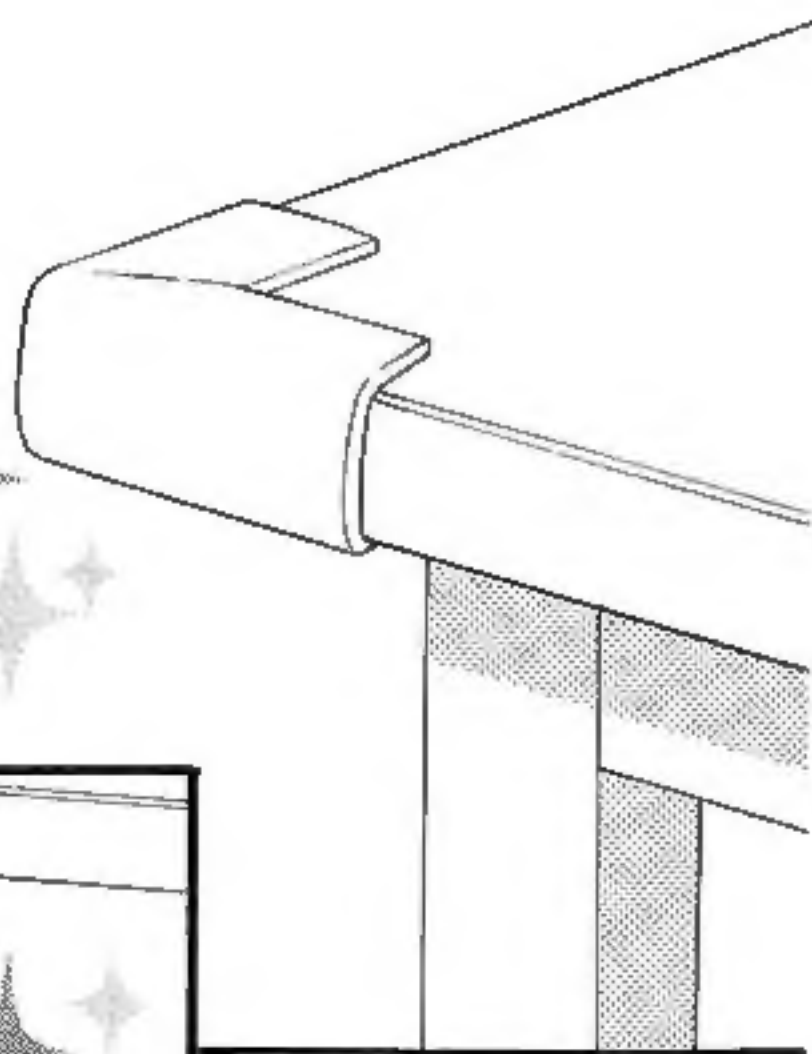
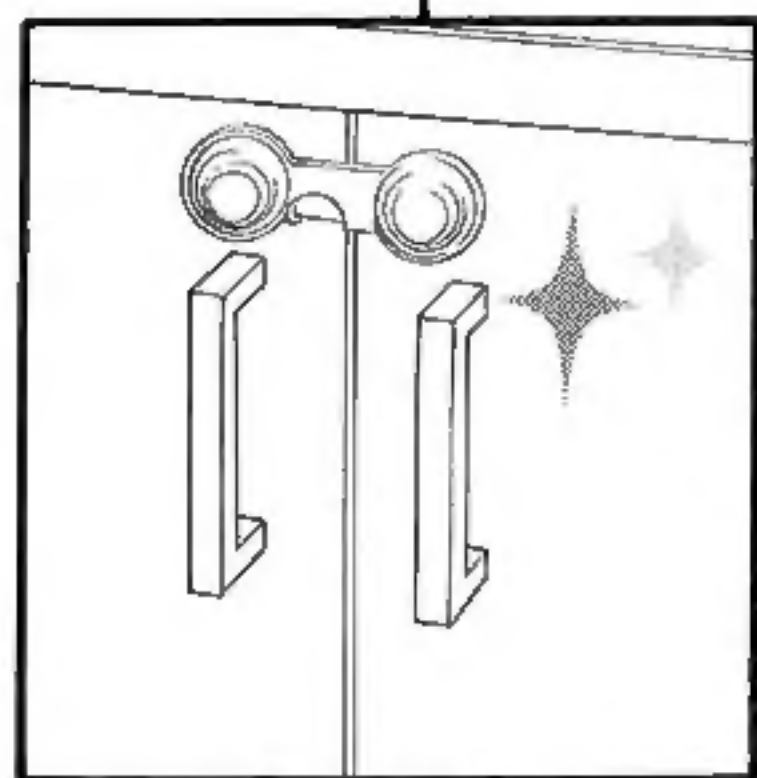
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LOVE

SO

LIFE



Chapter 100



AH!

THIS IS BAD.
I FORGOT
TO ADD THE
NON-SLIPPERY
STICKERS TO
THE FEET OF
THE KIDS'
CHAIRS!!

HEY,

YOU
DON'T NEED
TO DO SO
MUCH.

She was fretful.

DON'T YOU
REMEMBER
HOW MISAKI
FELL, ALONG
WITH HER HIGH
CHAIR!? THAT
WAS REALLY
BAD!!

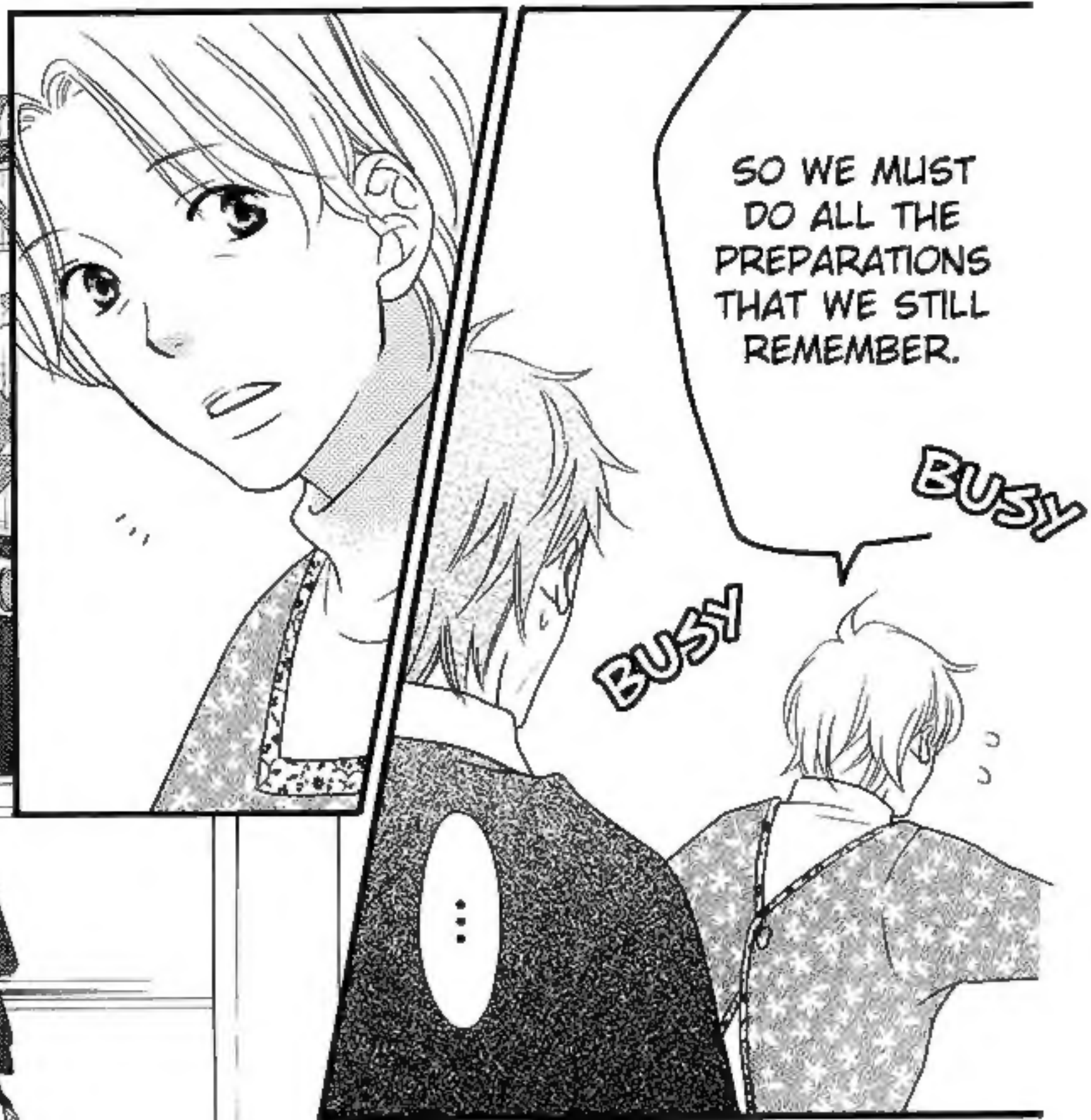
COME ON,
AREN'T WE
OVERDOING
THIS...?

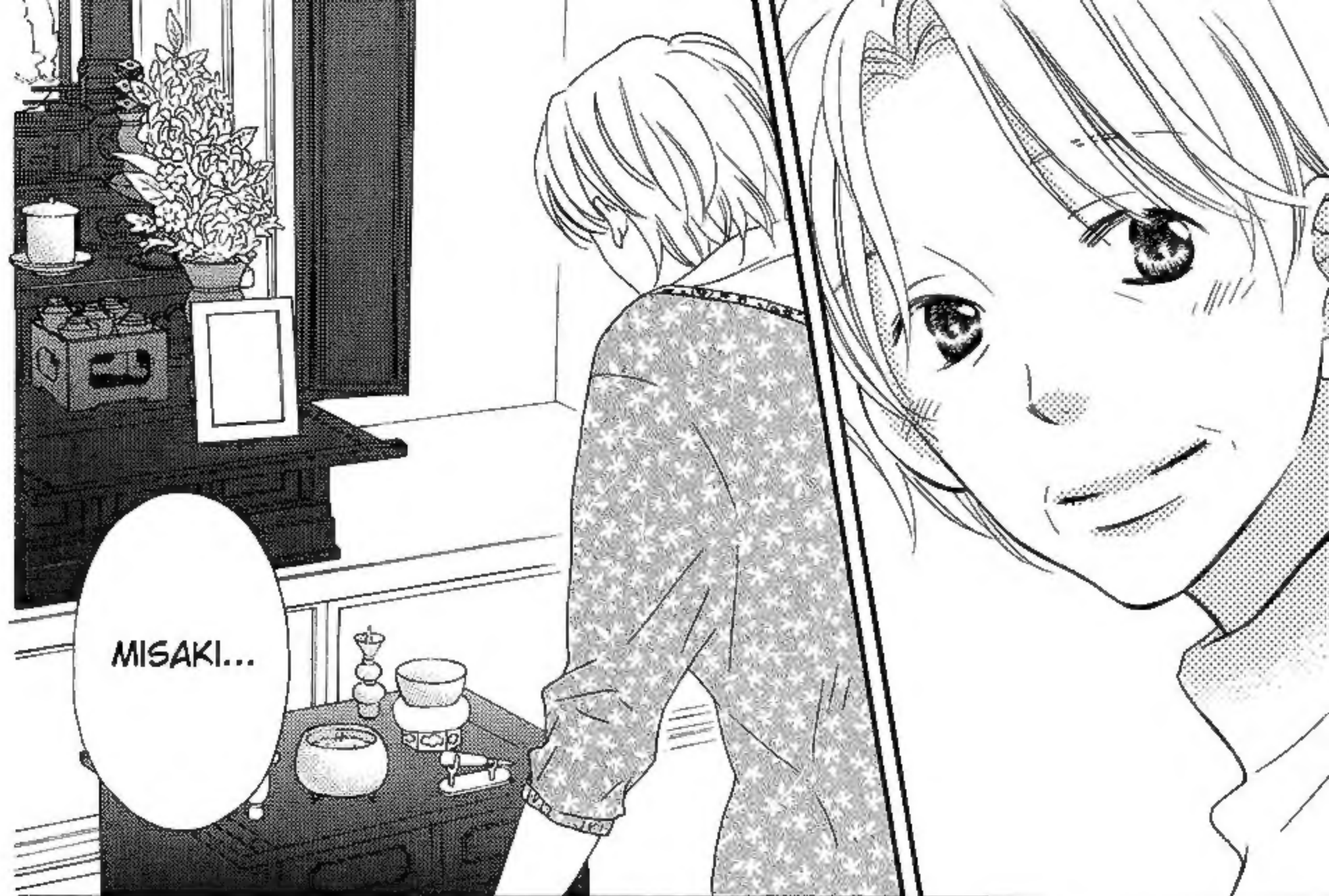
CRASH

HOW
CAN YOU
SAY THAT,
DEAR!?

now
that you
mention
it...

WELL....





MISAKI...

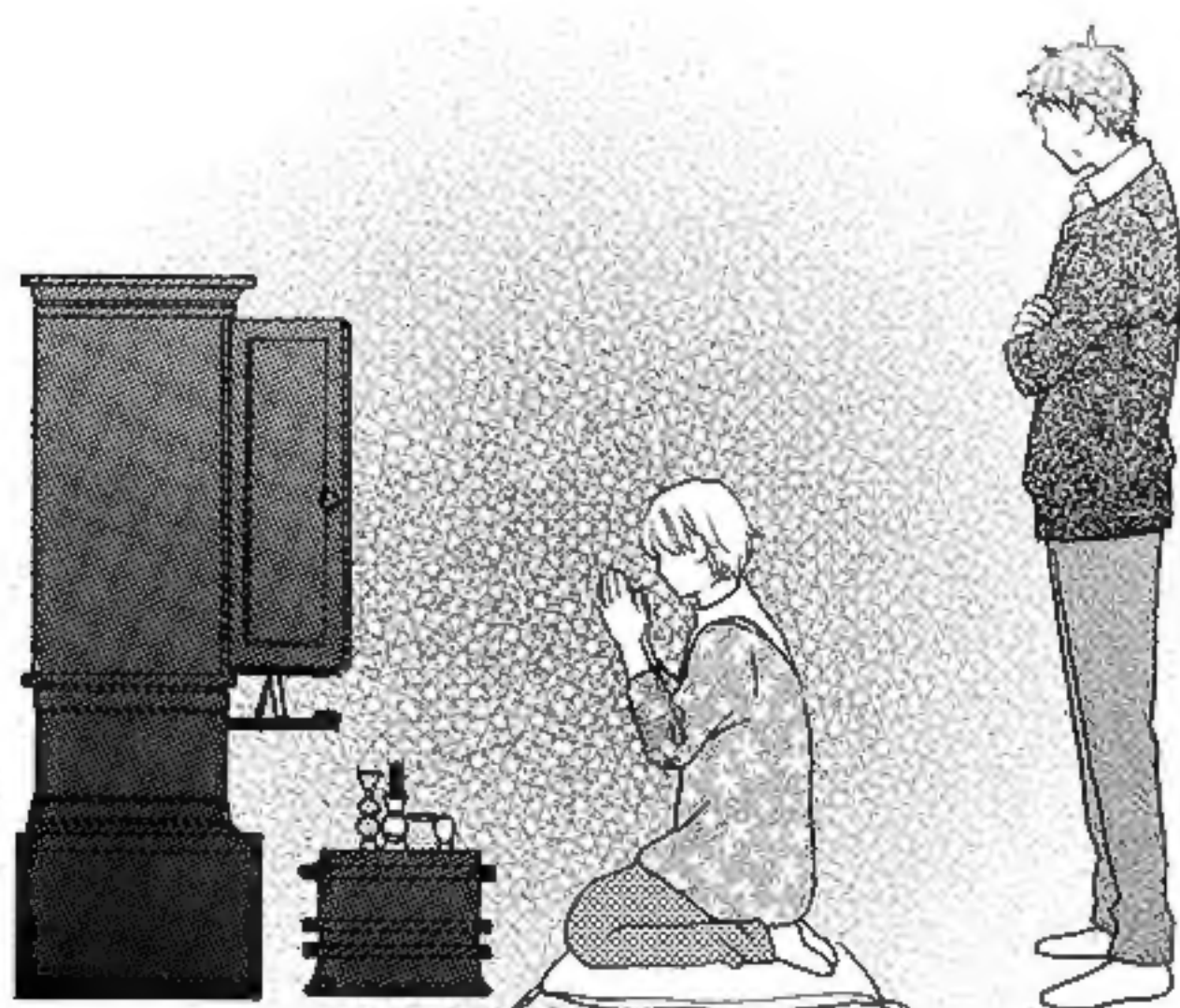
FROM
TOMORROW
ONWARDS,
AKANE-CHAN
AND AOI-
KUN

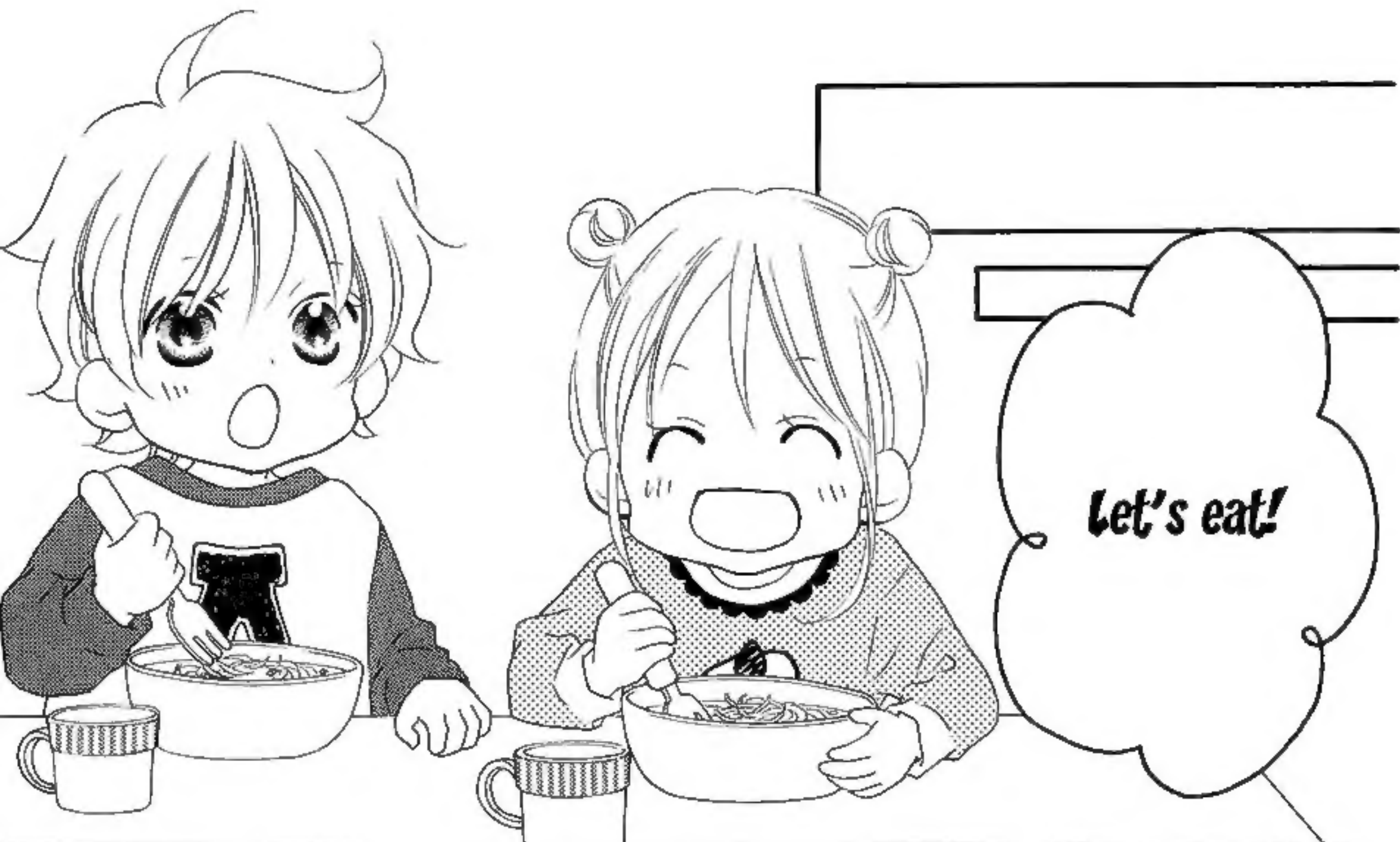
AS WELL
AS KOICHI-KUN,
WILL COME TO
LIVE HERE.

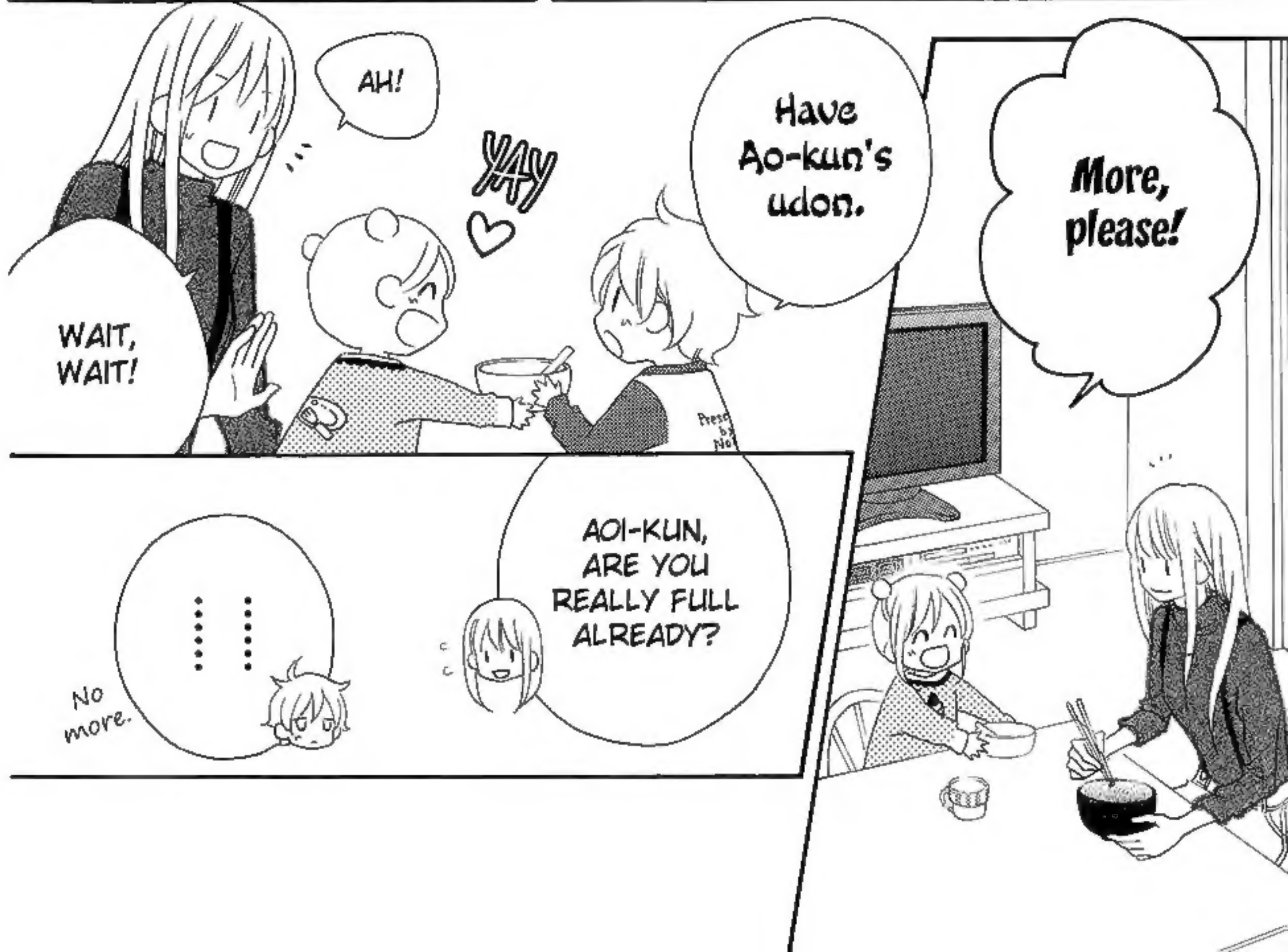


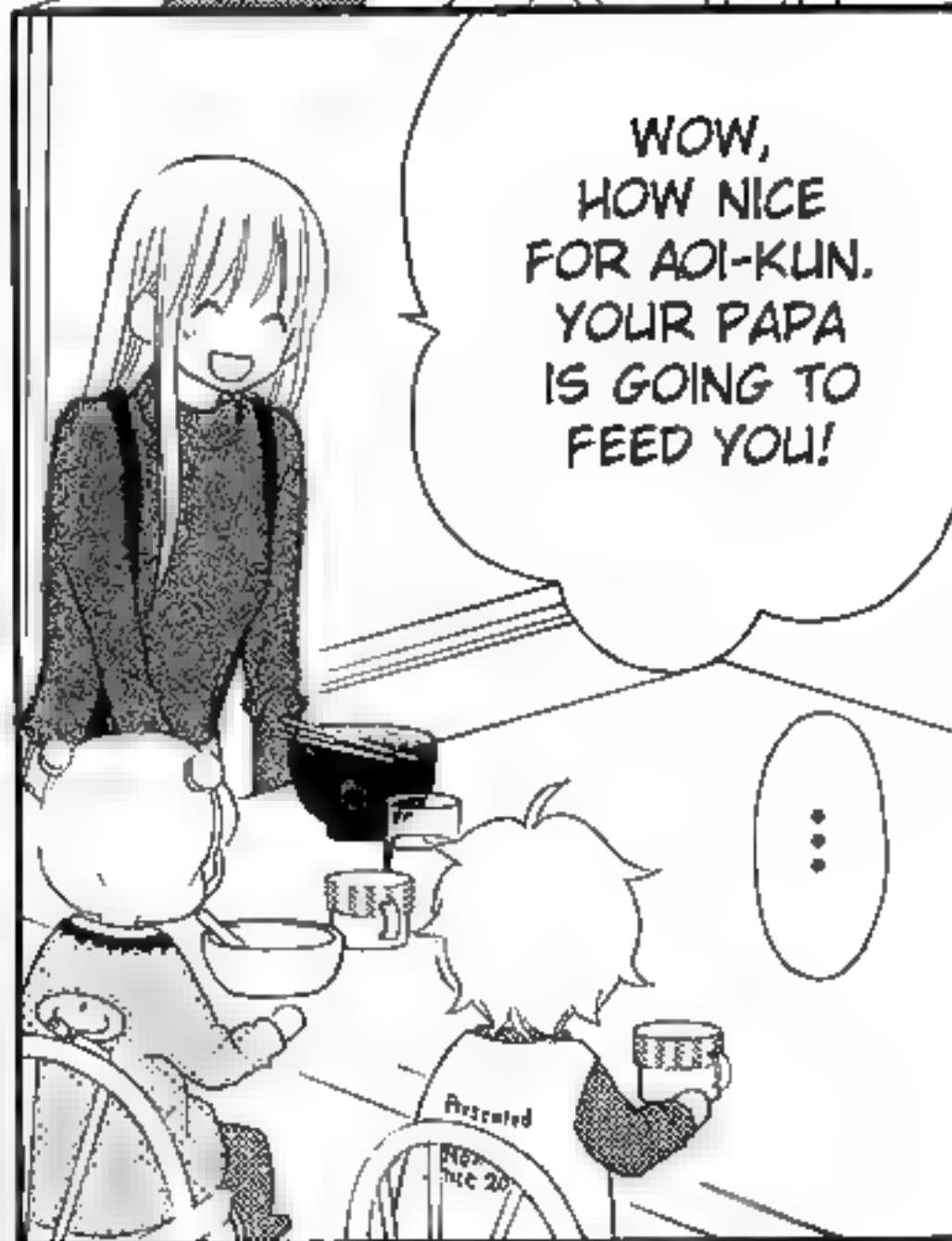
WE
WILL DO
OUR VERY
BEST.

SO, PLEASE
WATCH OVER
US FROM UP
THERE.











JUST
LEAVE
THEM.

AH,

た
あ

))



ALRIGHT,
WHEN WE'RE
DONE CLEANING
UP, LET'S READ
THE BOOK WE
BORROWED
TODAY!

Okay!!



REALLY?

Akane
can bring
my own.

Ao-kun,
too.

WHY,
THANK YOU!



SO
I SHOULD
AT LEAST
DO THIS.

YOU'VE
MADE THE
FOOD,

No.

NO...

REALLY...



WE
CAN DO
IT SLOWLY,
OKAY?



HOW'S
WORK GOING
FOR YOU?

BUT THE
OTHERS WHO
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING,

MAYBE
I HAVE TO
WORK HARDER
AND BE MORE
PROACTIVE IN MY
APPROACH.

I feel
like that's
the way
to go.

I'VE GOT
THE SUPPORT
OF THE PEOPLE
WHO KNOW MY
SITUATION.

You
can't be
half-hearted
in your job
anymore.

TRUST,
ONCE LOST,
IS VERY DIFFICULT TO
REGAIN.

OF
COURSE
YOU MUST
DO THAT.

WELL...

I JUST
HAVE TO DO
MY BEST.

YOU'RE
RIGHT.





I'm
sure that

it's the
same regarding
the twins.



To regain the
trust that was
once lost,
nothing
short of
tremendous
effort will be
enough.

Oh,
thank
you so
much.

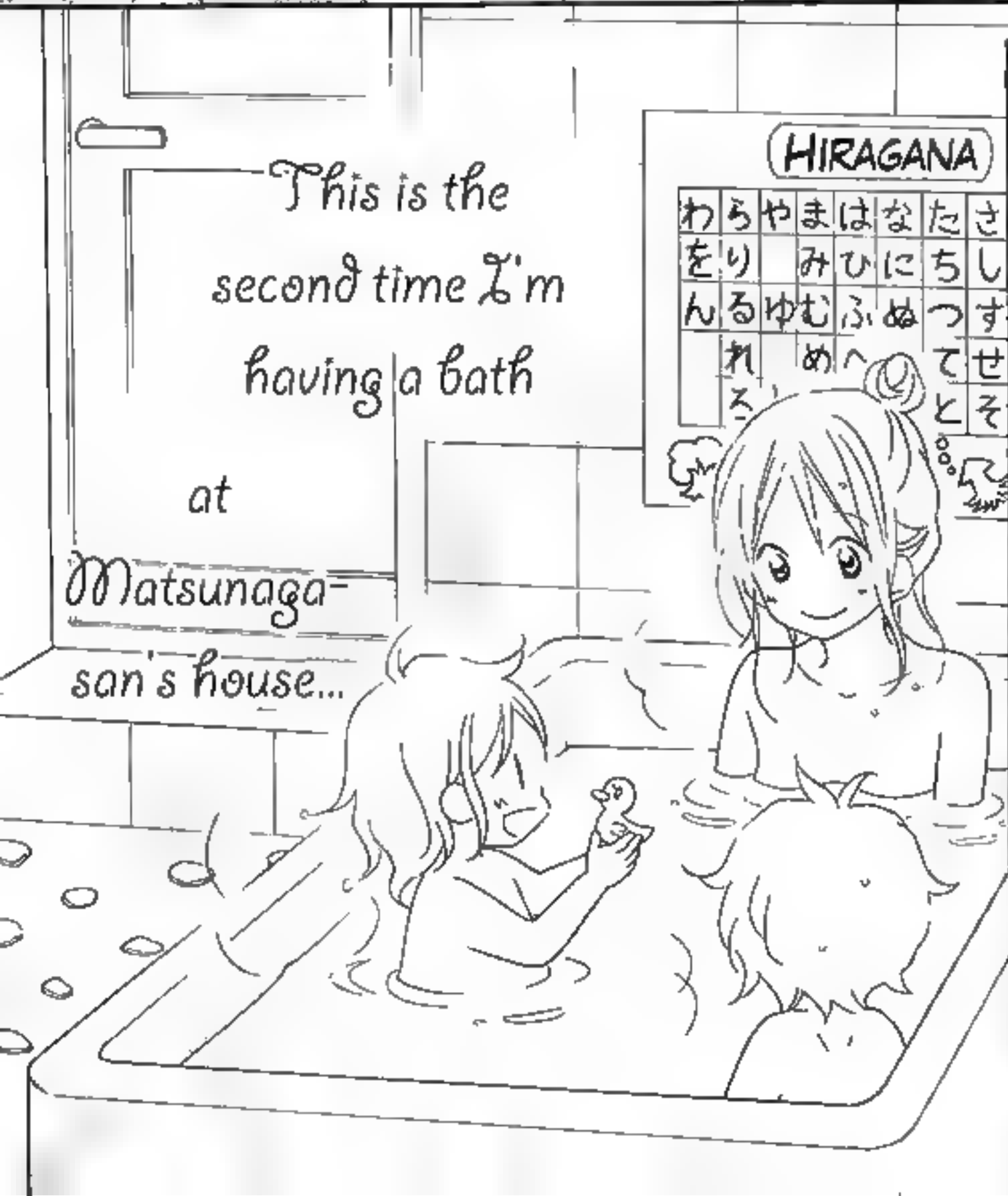


THEY
WERE PUT
ON A MAGIC
CARPET,

THEN
FLOWN OFF
TO THE WIDE
SEA.

WHILE
THE BLUE
BEARD BANDIT
GANG FELL
ASLEEP,





Side Panel

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Hello! It's
Kouchi Kaede.

Thank you for
picking up Volume
17.

This 17th Volume
is finally the Last
Volume!!



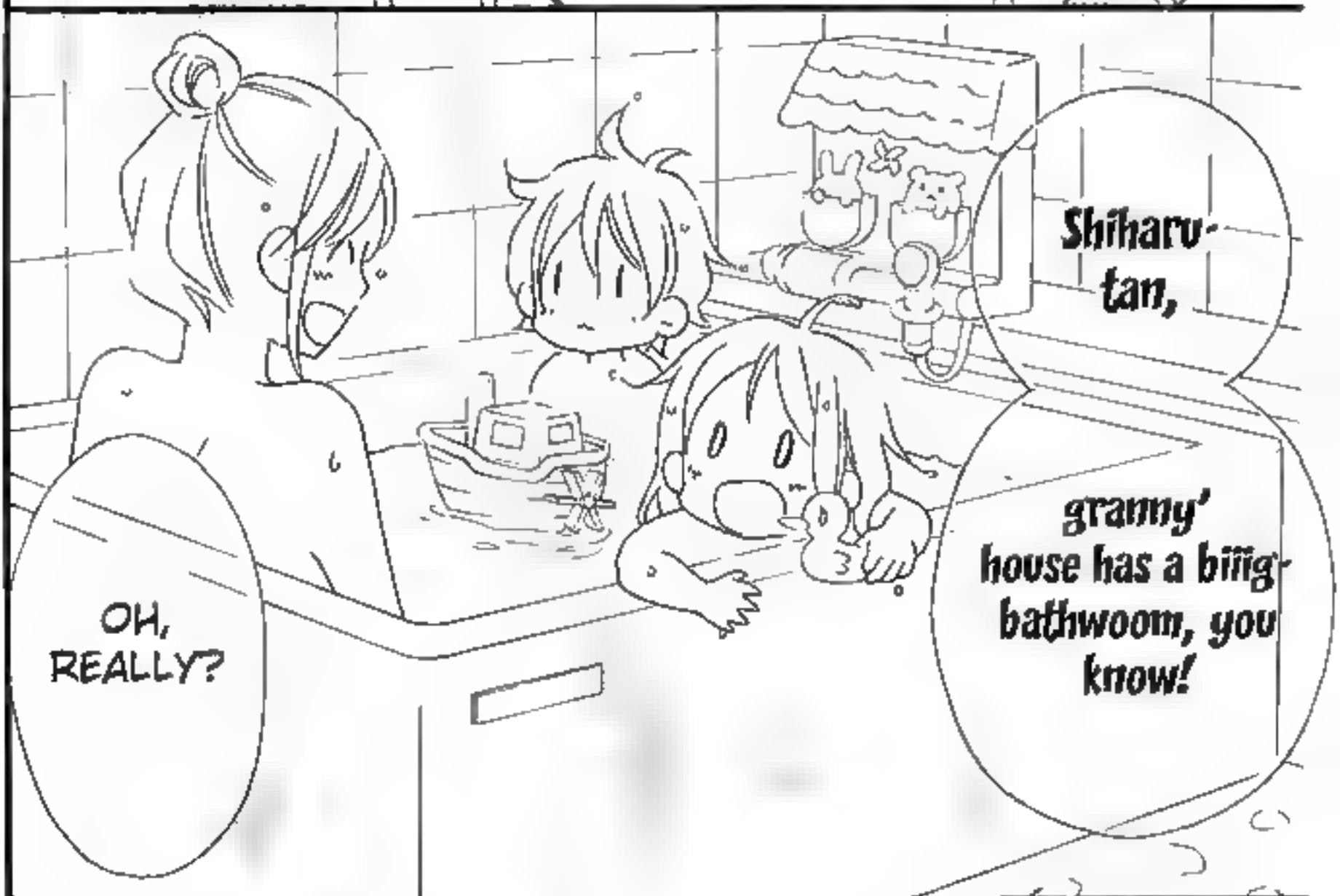
When I saw the
release date of the
last chapter, I found
out that this manga
had been going on for
more than 7 years! I
thought this must
be a mistake! *
Ahaha...

But then I remember
my own age... well,
maybe it wasn't
wrong at all...



having a
bath at someone
else's house makes
me feel very
nervous.

I knew it,
somehow...



Let's
collect and
put them in
a box later, so
you can take
them with
you.

Okay!

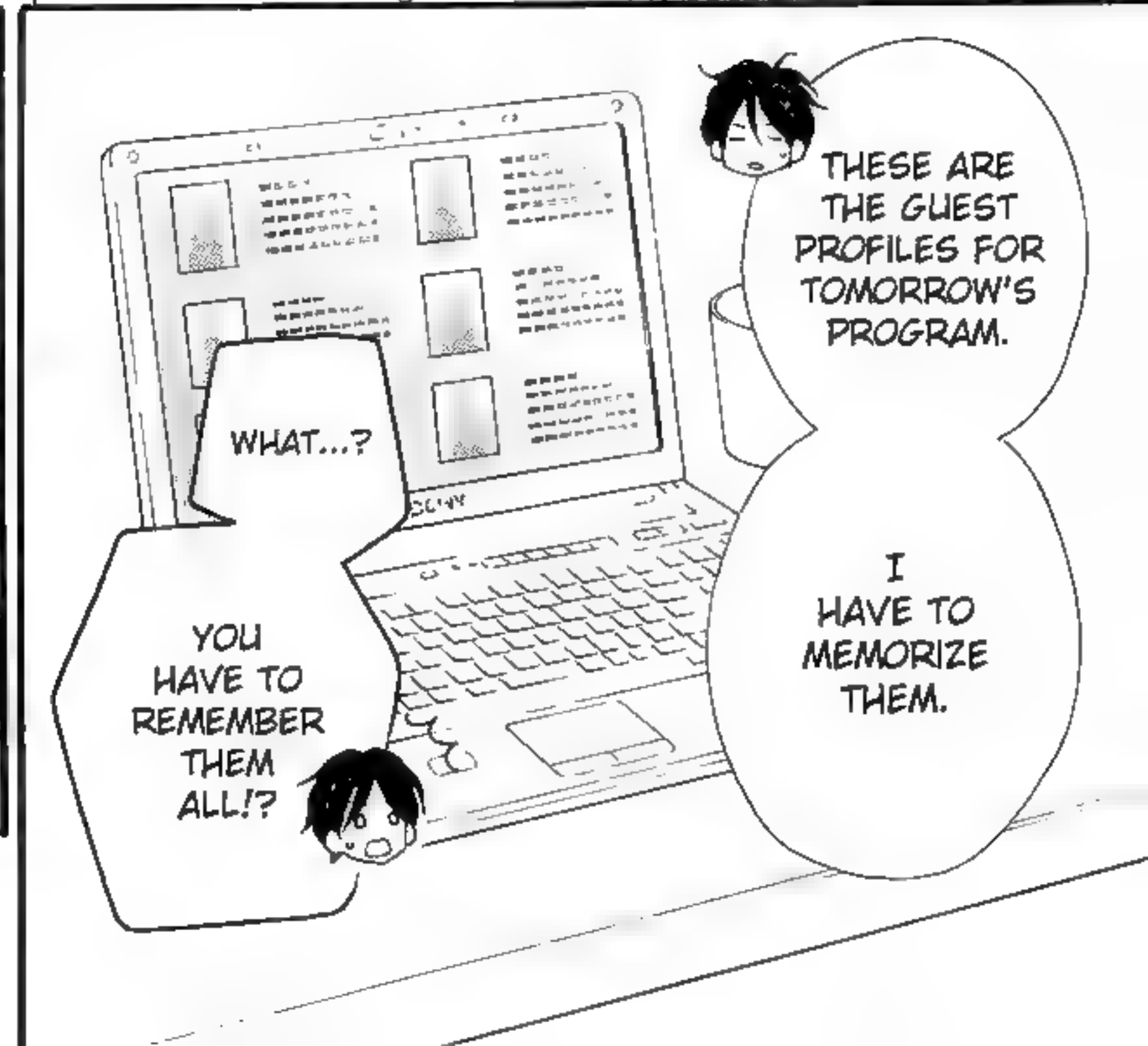
Yup!

WILL BE SO
HAPPY, PLAYING
IN THE BIG
BATHROOM!

THAT
MEANS
THESE
TOYS

Yay,
we can't
wait!

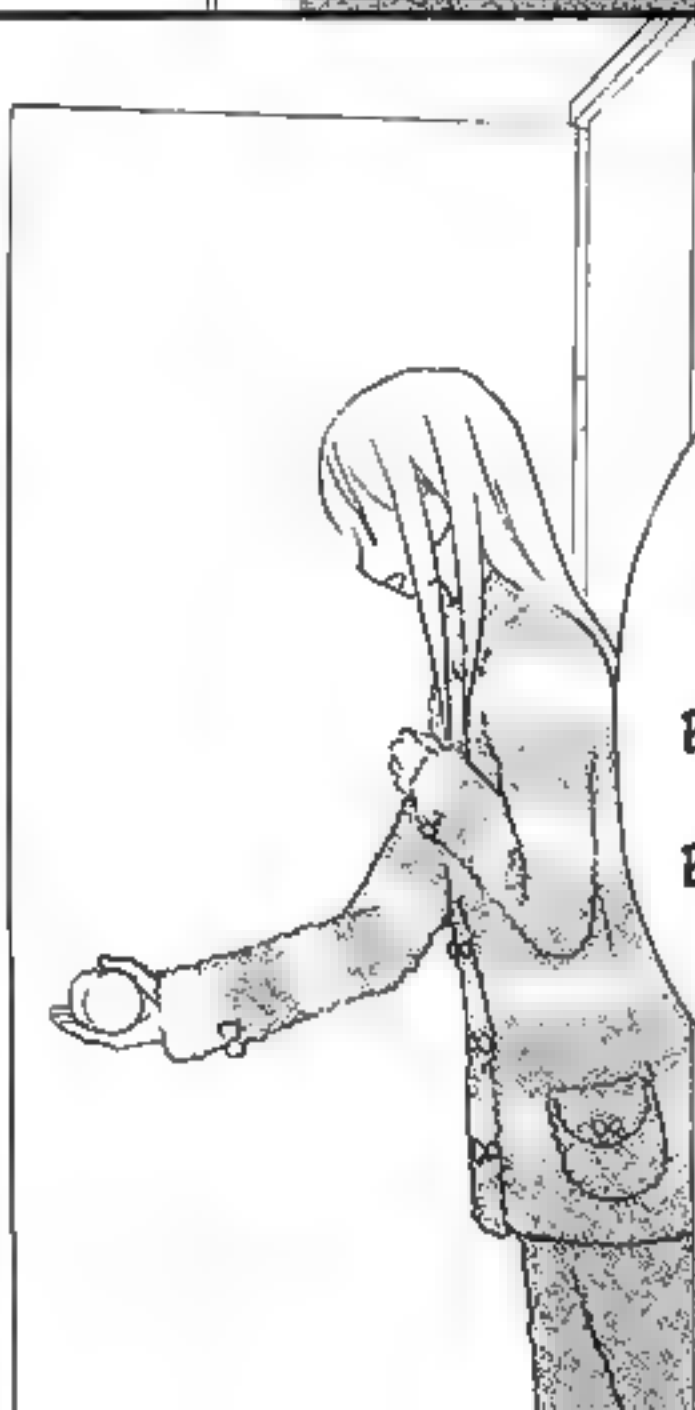






EXCUSE
ME.

THANKS
FOR LETTING
ME USE THE
BATHROOM
FIRST.



AH, AND
ALSO...

I WANT
TO COLLECT
THE TOYS IN THE
BATHROOM. SO CAN
I HAVE A PLASTIC
BAG OR SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?











YES,

IT IS.



BUT



I'LL
ALWAYS
REMEMBER
YOU TWO.

EVEN
WHEN WE
SAY GOOD-
BYE,



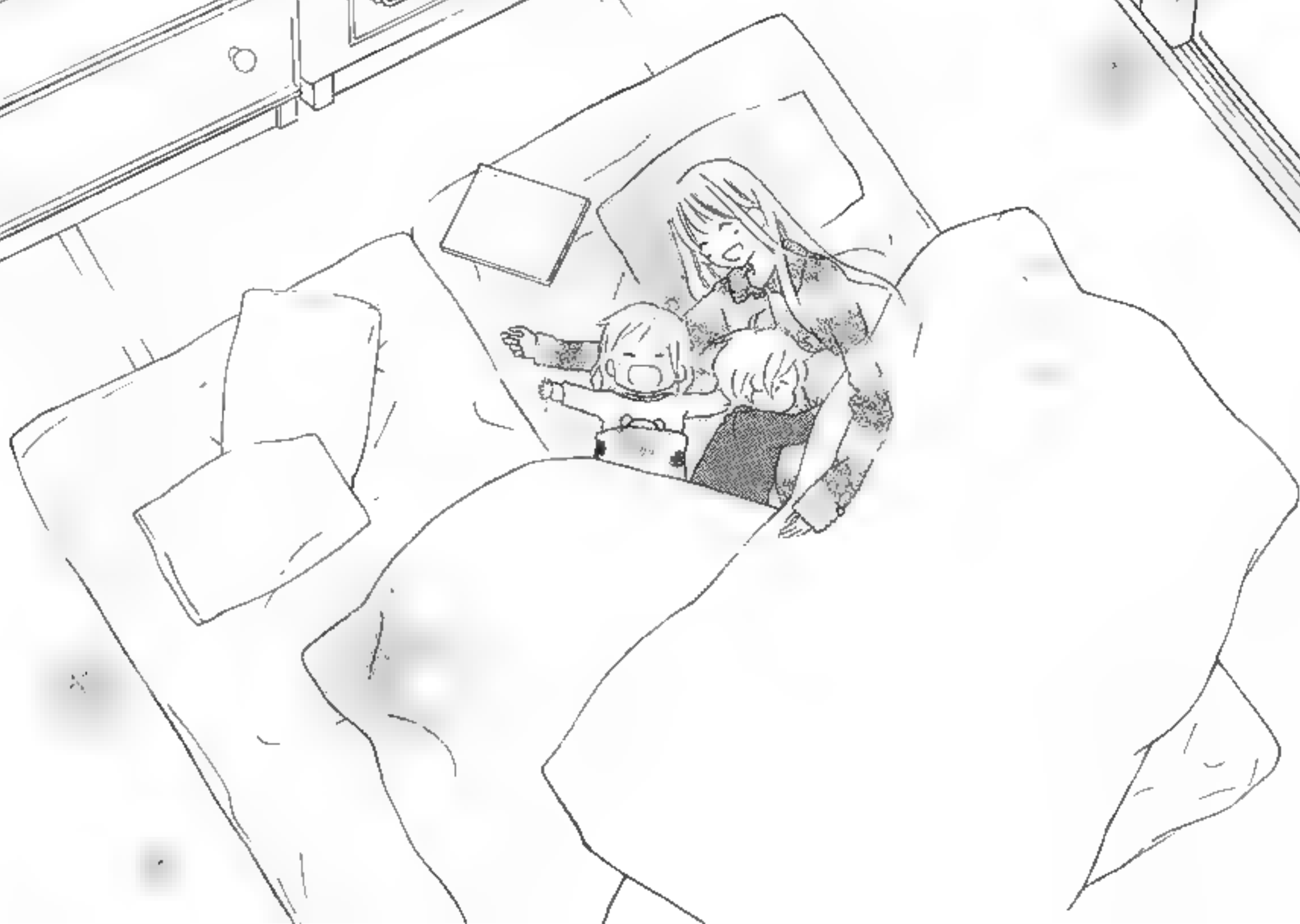
Please
don't worry.



Everybody



loves
you two very
much.





Chapter 101

LOVE SO LIFE

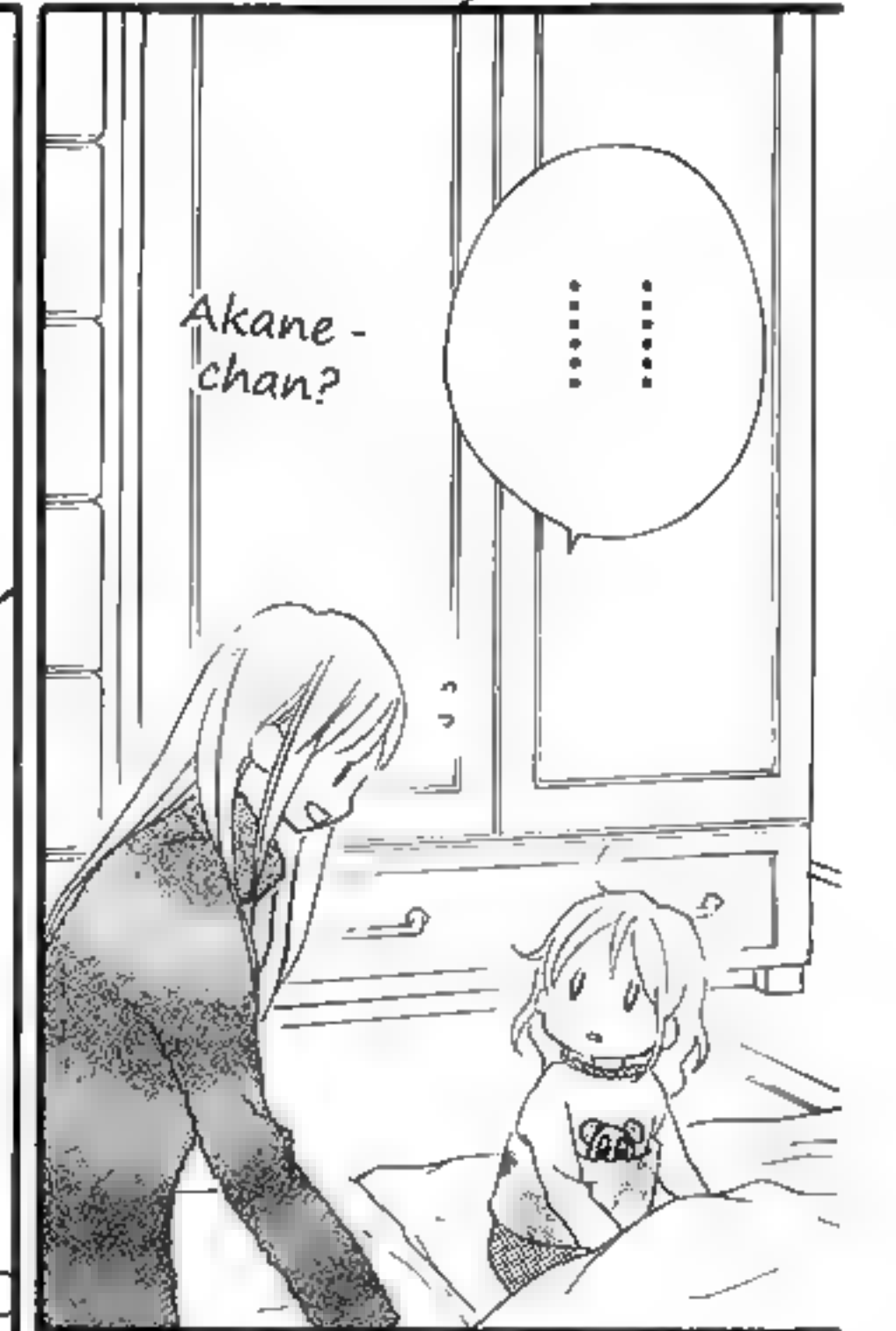
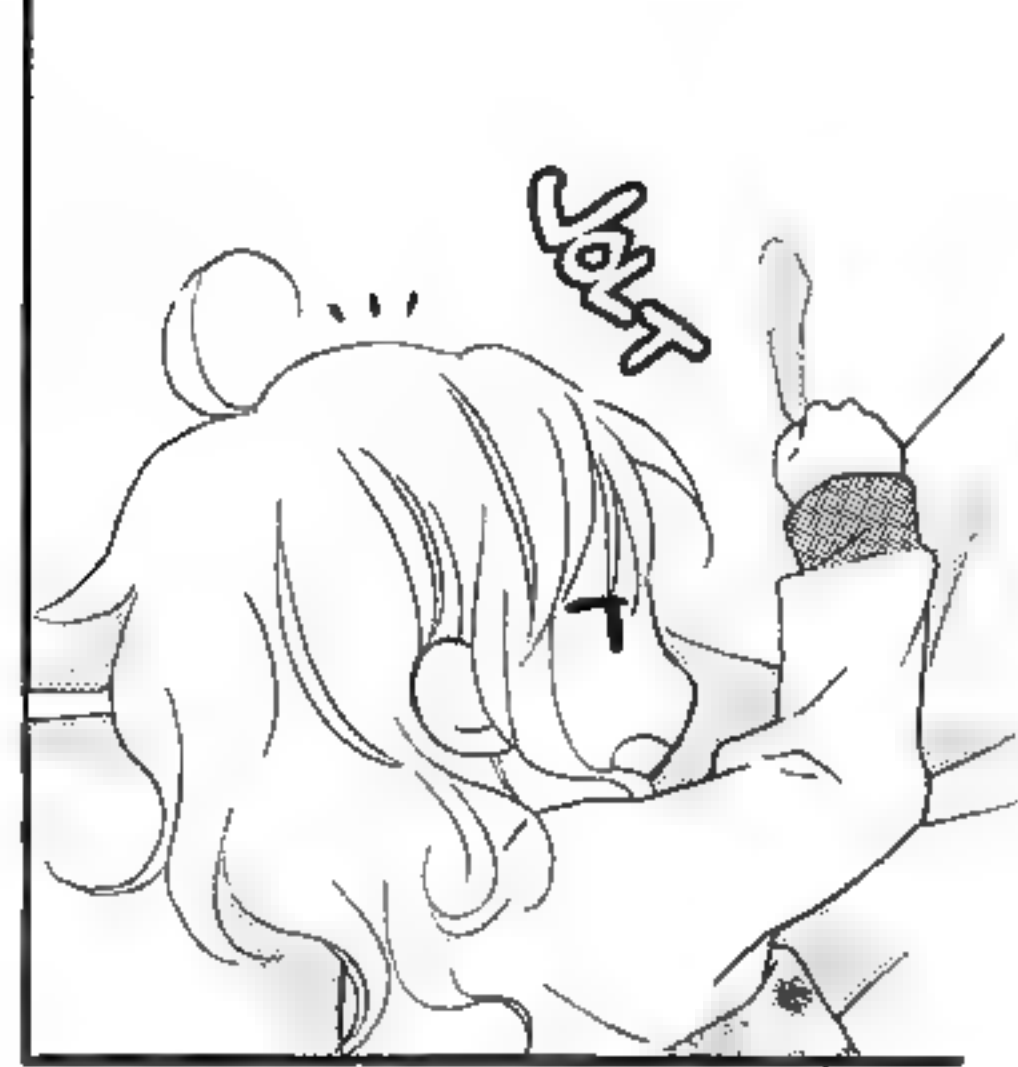
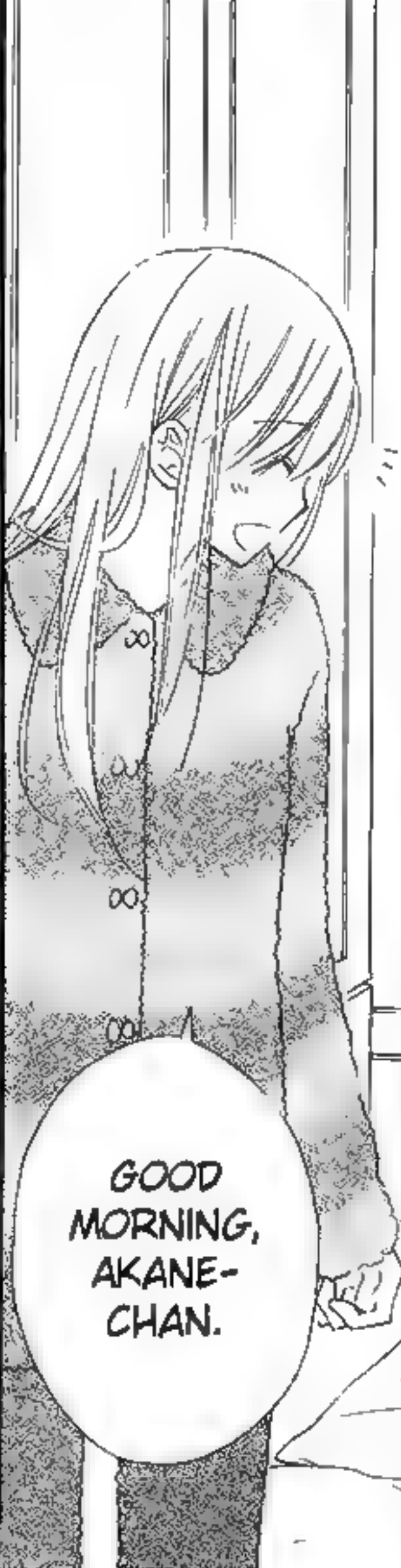


It felt like
I was asleep, but
also awake at the
same time.

Somehow,



It's
morning
already.







GOOD
MORNING.



MATSU-
NAGA-SAN,
GOOD MOR...

OH!



BREAKFAST
IS READY.



Today

is
finally...



RATHER
THAN DOING
HOUSEWORK,

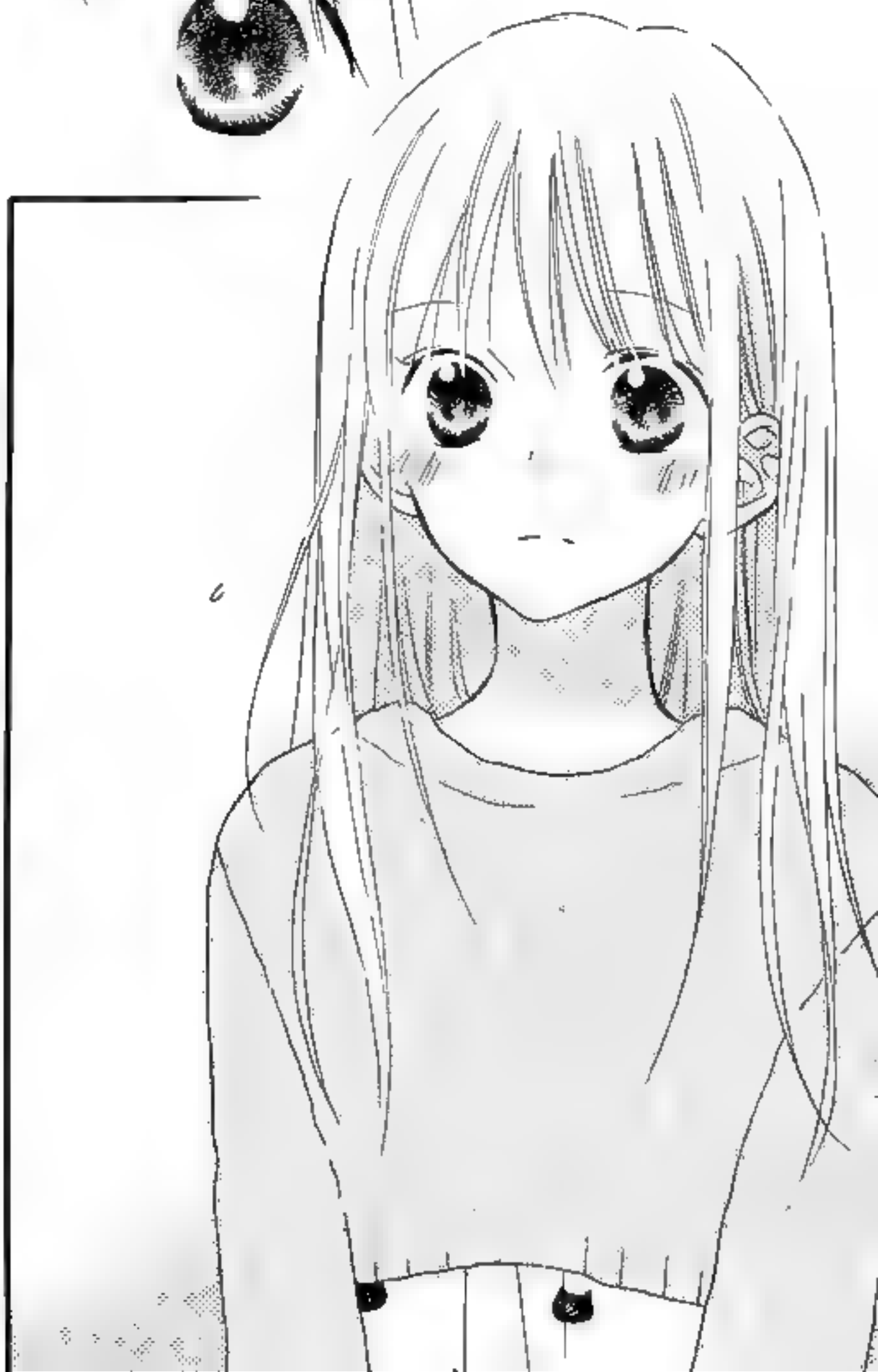
WE
WANTED YOU
TO SPEND MORE
TIME WITH THE
TWINS.

AH.

I'M SORRY.
I FEEL BAD
BECAUSE I
HAVEN'T DONE
ANYTHING SINCE
YESTERDAY.

Don't
worry
about
it.

IT'S
OKAY.



Side Panel
2

This story has been written for 7 years, which means that if somebody started reading it when they were 13 years old, by now they are already past 20!

I'm sure that there are some readers who started reading this from the beginning until the very end and think, "Wow, I feel like I've been reading this forever and I'm following their growth in real time!"

If I ever meet those readers, I'd cry happily and gratefully kneel down in front of them!



OH,
RIGHT.

WHAT
WILL YOU
DO WITH THIS
HOUSE AFTER
WE LEAVE?

BY
THE WAY,
SEIJI,

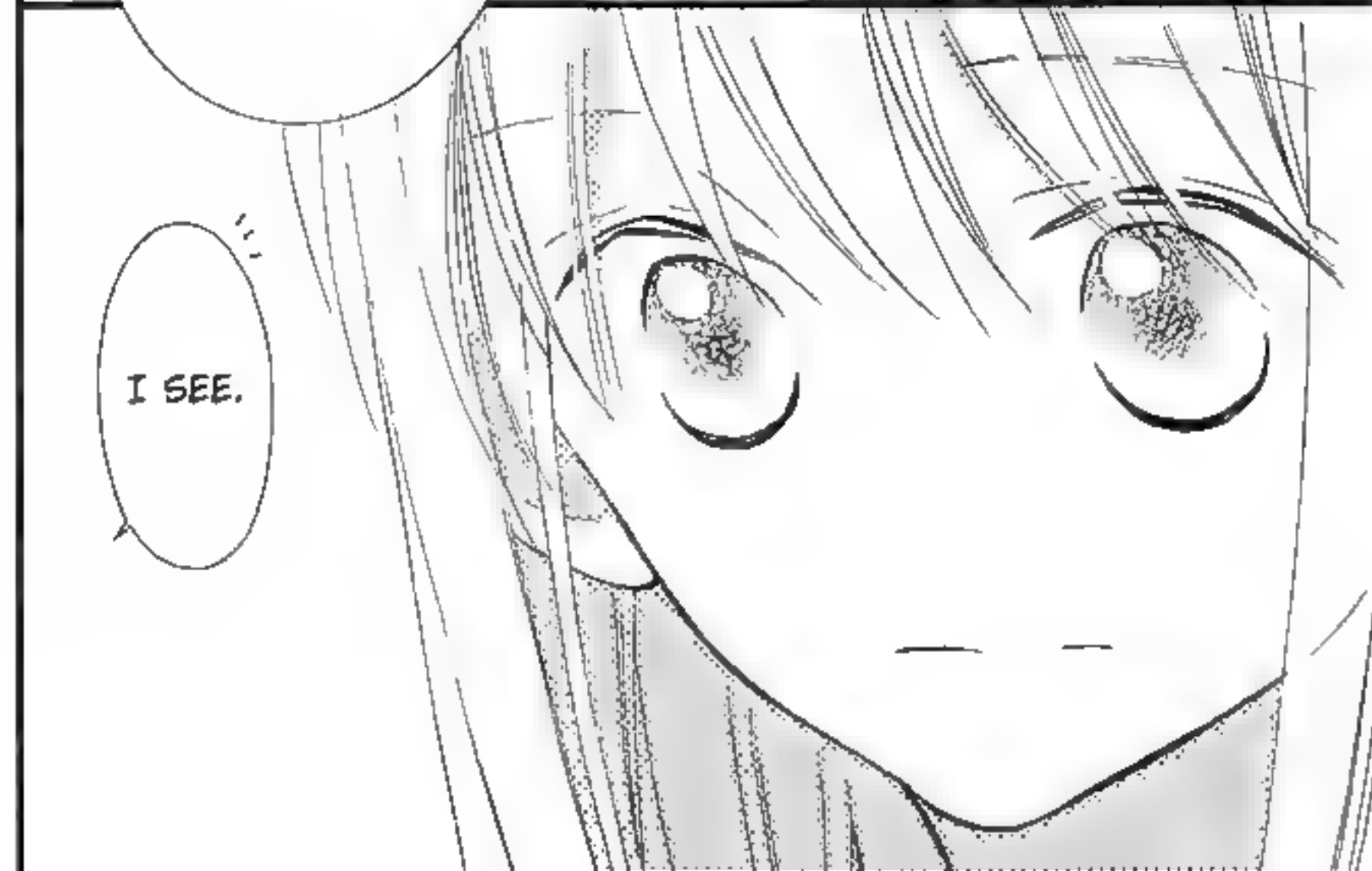
ARE
YOU GOING
TO LIVE
HERE?

OH.

NO...

I'M
THINKING OF
MOVING SOME-
WHERE CLOSER
TO THE TV
STATION.

I SEE.





TO
COMPENSATE
FOR THAT, MY
SCHEDULE IS
REALLY PACKED
NOW.

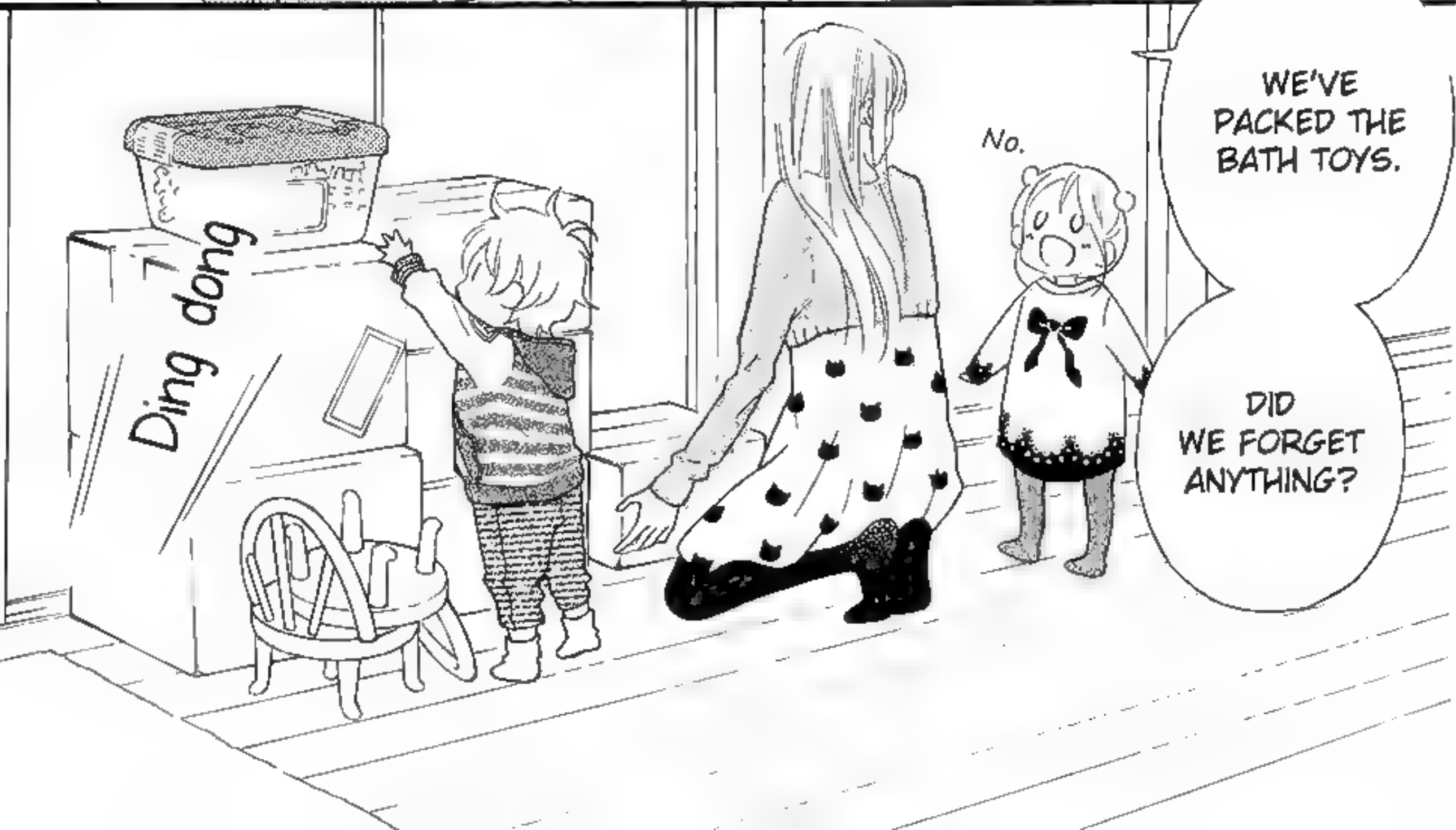
I'VE GOTTEN
SO MUCH
LEEWAY AND
BEEN PUSHING
MY NEEDS AT
WORK LATELY.

IT'LL
BE TOUGH IF
I DON'T LIVE
CLOSE TO THE
STATION.

I SEE...

THEN, LET'S
ASK DAD WHAT
TO DO ABOUT
THIS HOUSE.

So
that's the
situation...







By the way,

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REST FOR A BIT?

CAN WE?

THEN WE'LL REST A BIT.

A SMALL GIFT FOR YOU.

Look, look!

Clothes and toys, we put lots in the boxes!

OH MY! DID YOU HELP IN PACKING THEM?

YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL!



Granny, come in!

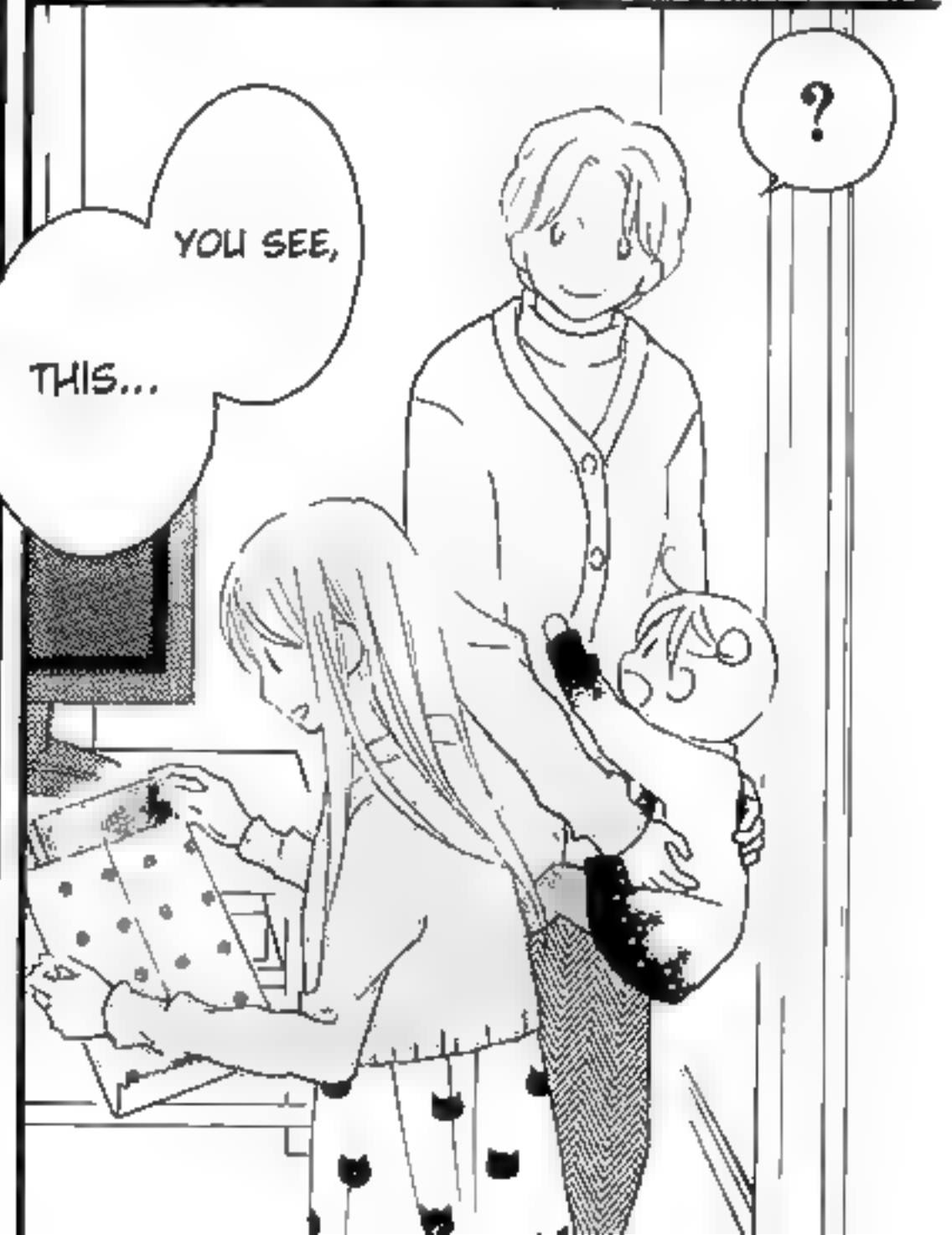
YOU'RE RIGHT.

Oh,
BUT I PARKED THE CAR IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE.

WHY DON'T WE TAKE THE BOXES INTO THE CAR FIRST?

I'll park somewhere after that.





AND
ALSO...

HERE...
I'VE MADE
SOME NOTES ON
WHAT'S BEEN
HAPPENING
LATELY.



THERE
JUST A FEW
SPOTS LEFT,
SO PLEASE
CONTINUE.

Err...
THESE
ARE THEIR
"LITTLE
HELPER"
CARDS.

LIKE THEIR
FAVOURITE
FOOD,

IT'S
NOT REALLY
IMPORTANT,

AND THE
PLACES WE
WENT TO
TOGETHER.



BUT
I THOUGHT
IT MIGHT BE
USEFUL AT
SOME POINT.





THANK YOU
SO MUCH.



I WILL
READ THEM
CAREFULLY.



*It's really
astonishing.*



*But everybody
naturally receives
me warmly.*

*They are
not related to
me at all,*



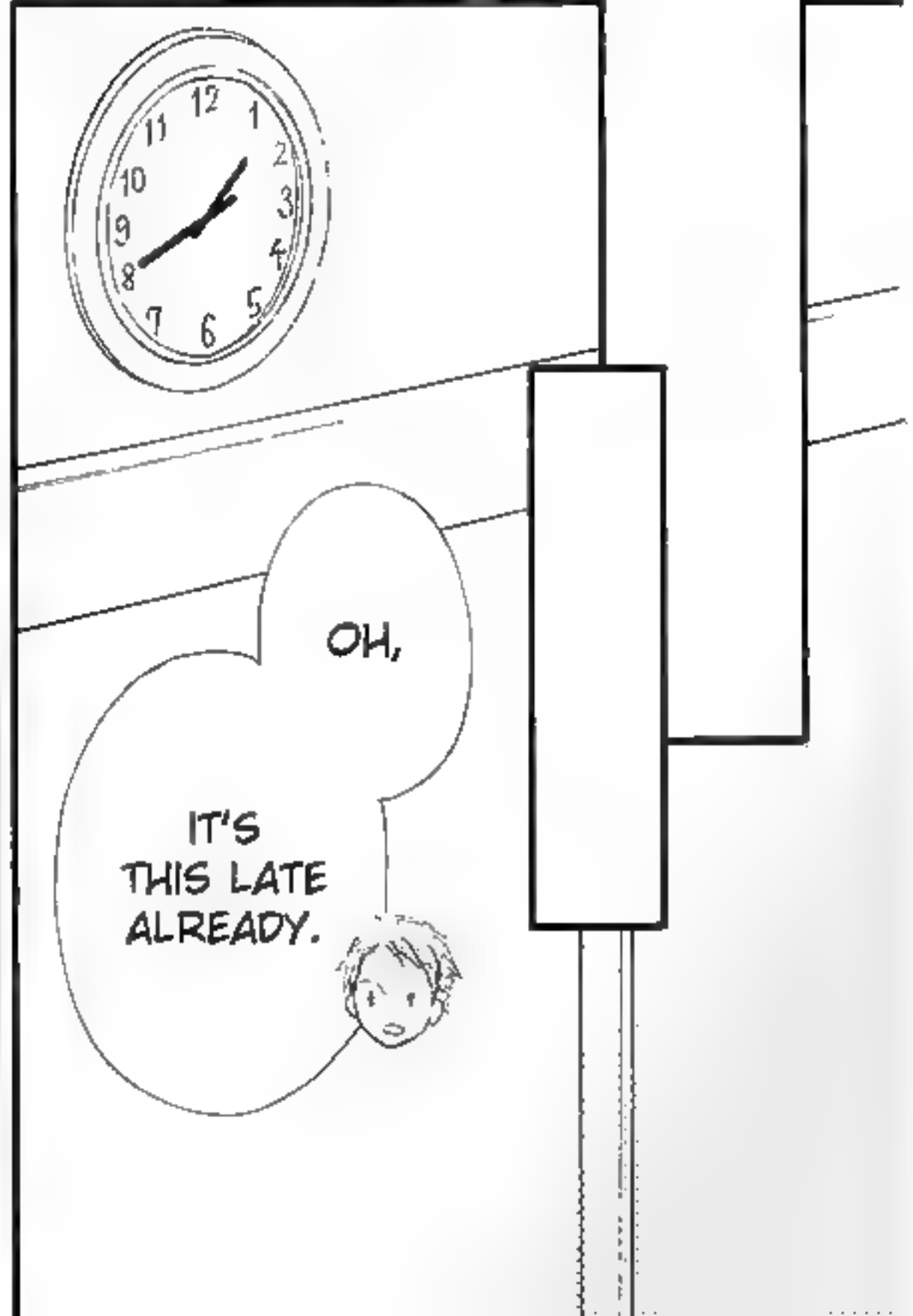
I
would have
never experienced
this kind of
atmosphere.

If it were
not for the
twins,



WE
STILL NEED
TO UNPACK
WHEN WE
GET HOME.

SHALL
WE GET
GOING?



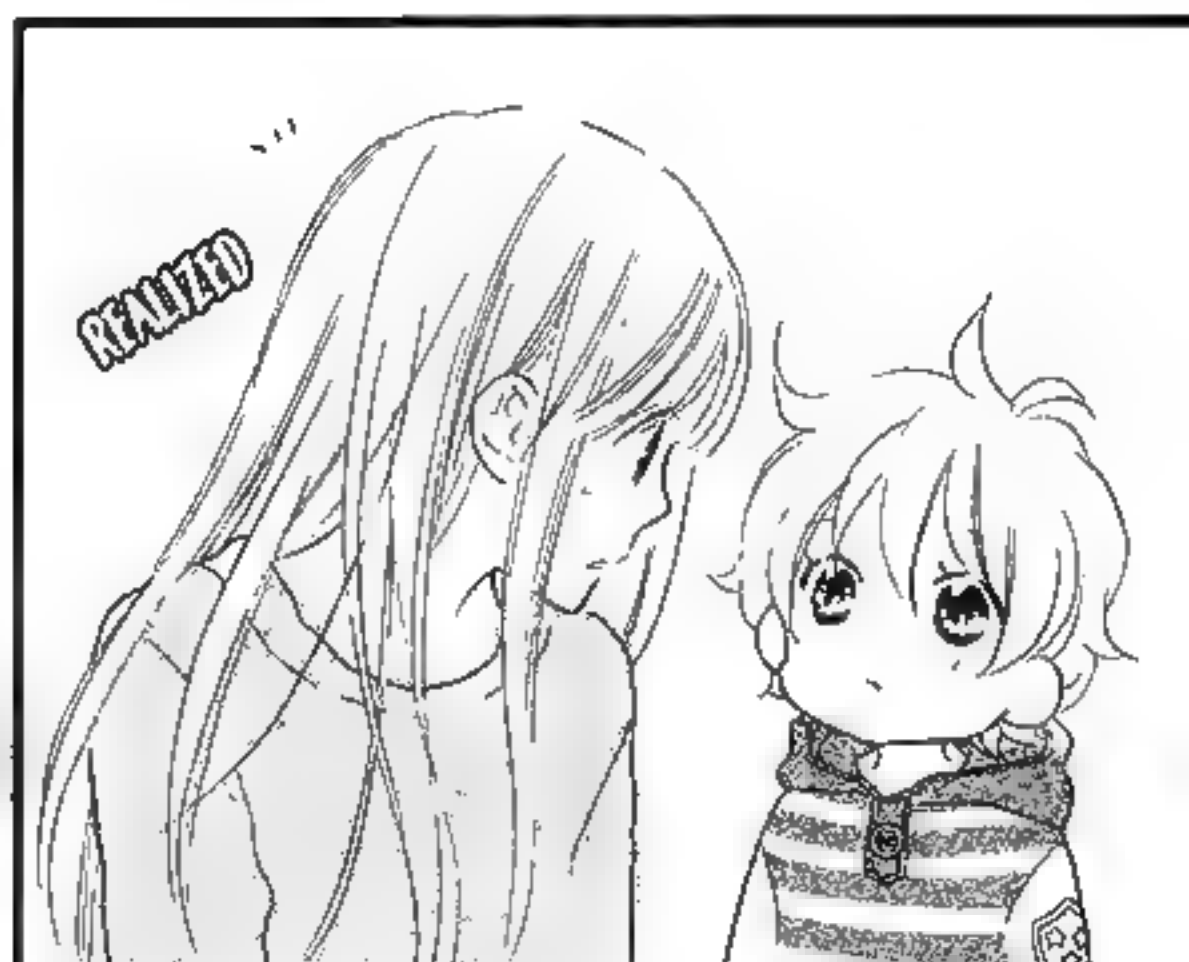
OH,

IT'S
THIS LATE
ALREADY.



these
two will pick
up on it.

I f I
look sad,





Today

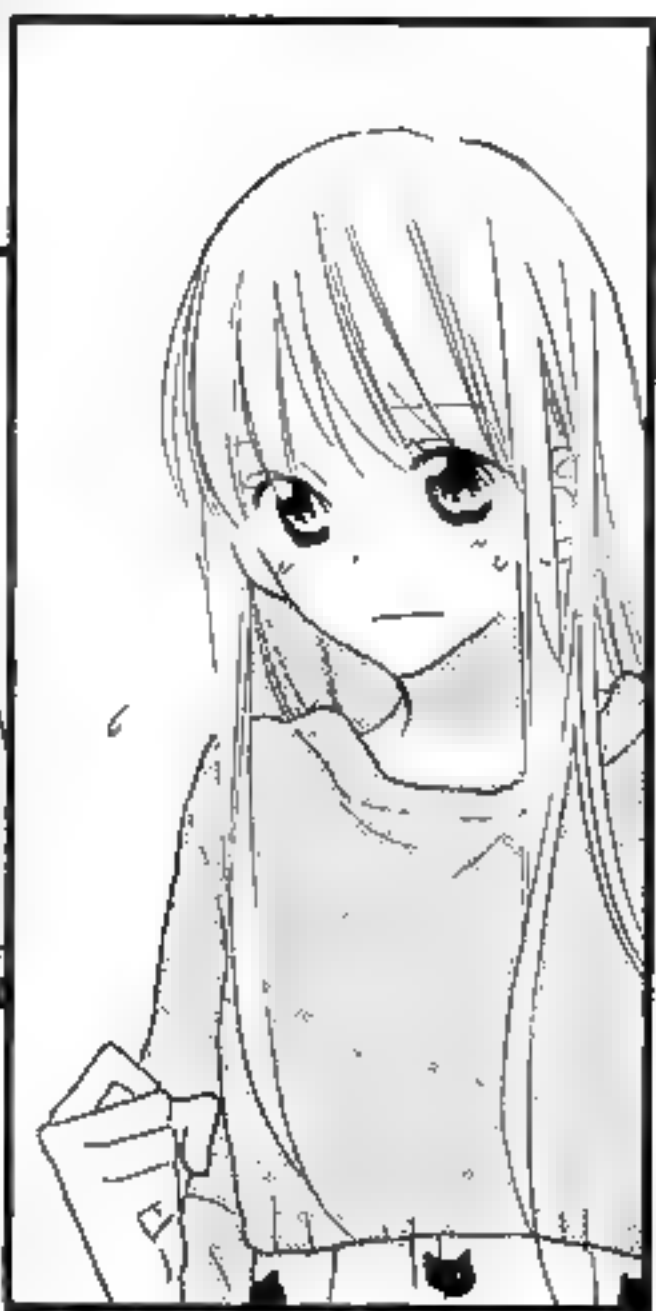
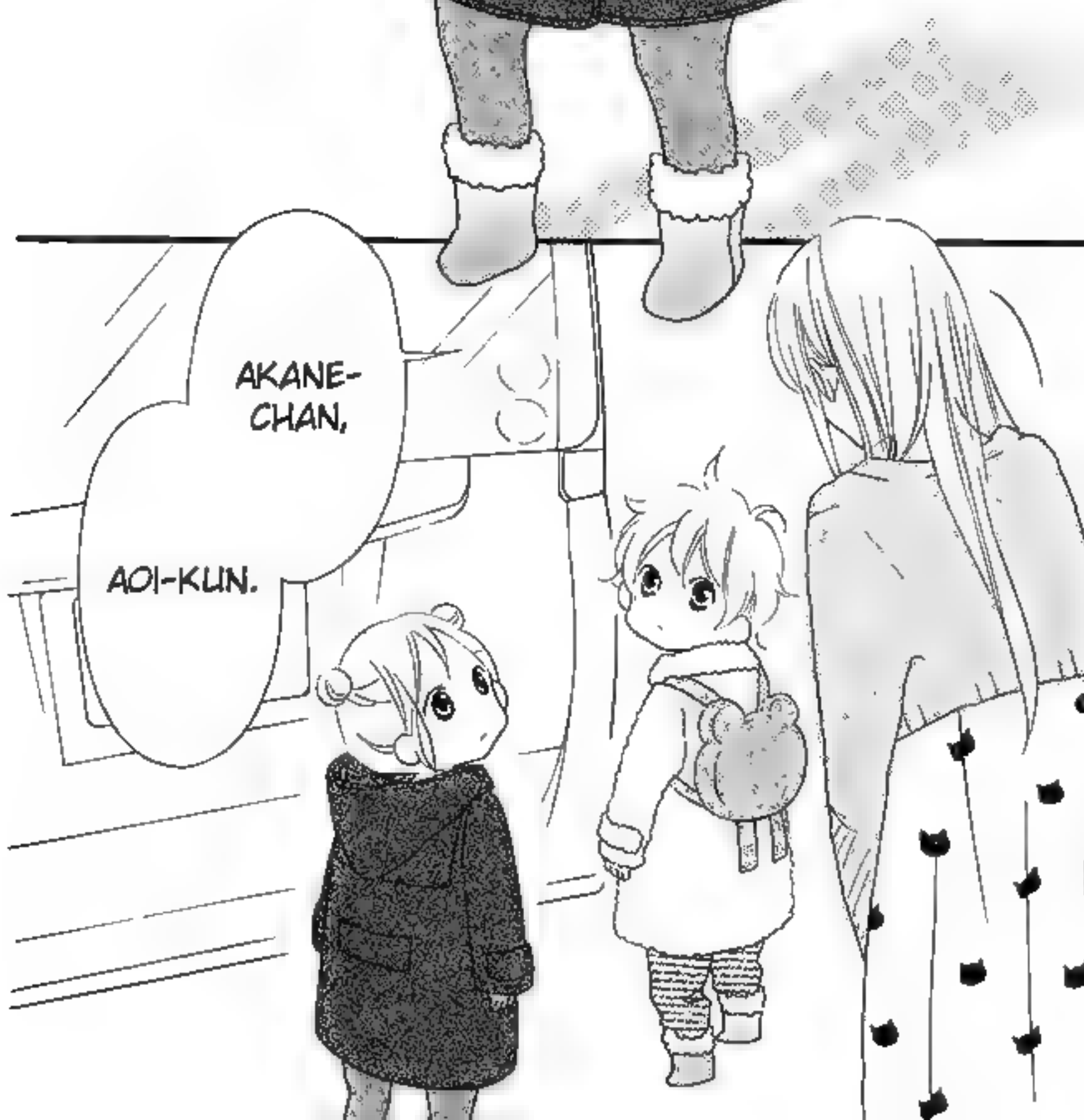
I want
to send them
off with a
smile.

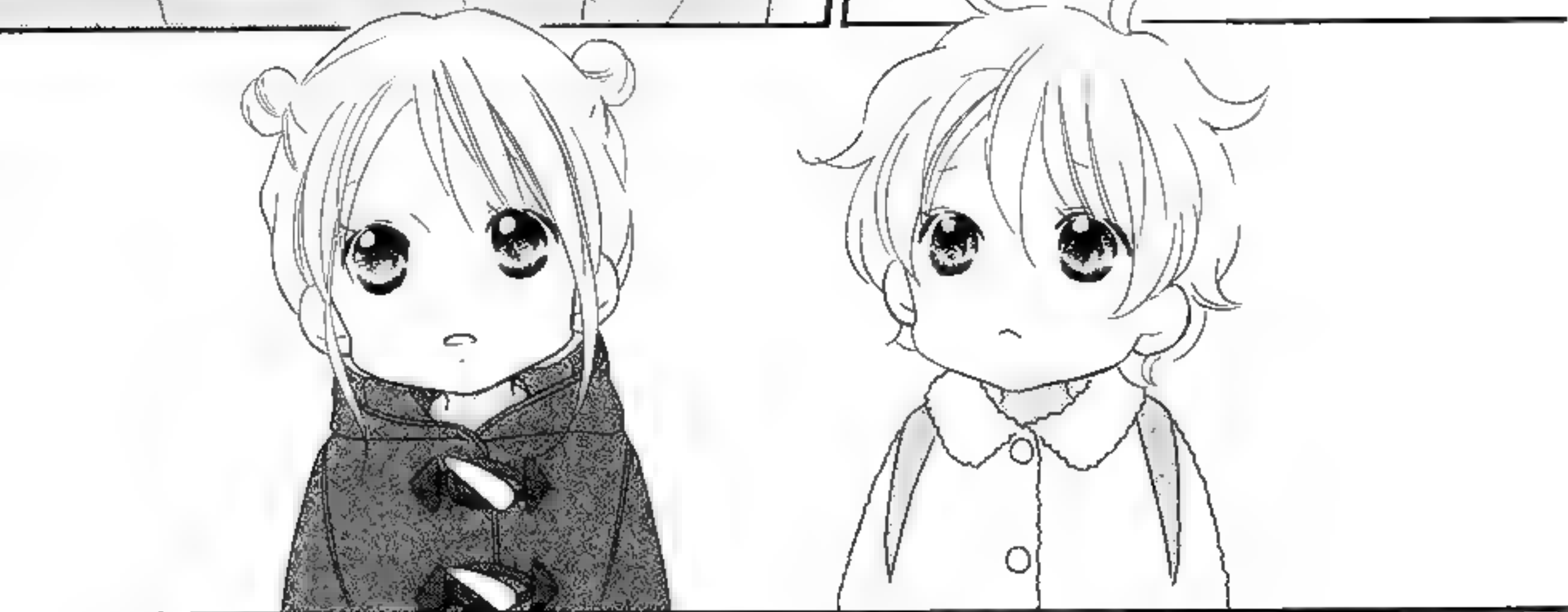


The
toys are
gone.

YOUR PAPA
CARRIED THEM
OUT JUST
NOW.











not
going now.







LOVE SO LIFE

Aokane



not
going now.

Chapter 102





WE'VE
DONE ALL
THE PREPA-
RATIONS...



Because...

is too
long...

bye bye
with Shiharu-
tan and Sei-
tan...



YOU SEE,
JUST LIKE WE
TALKED ABOUT
YESTERDAY,

I WILL
PUSH YOUR
BIKE EVERY
DAY.

AKANE!

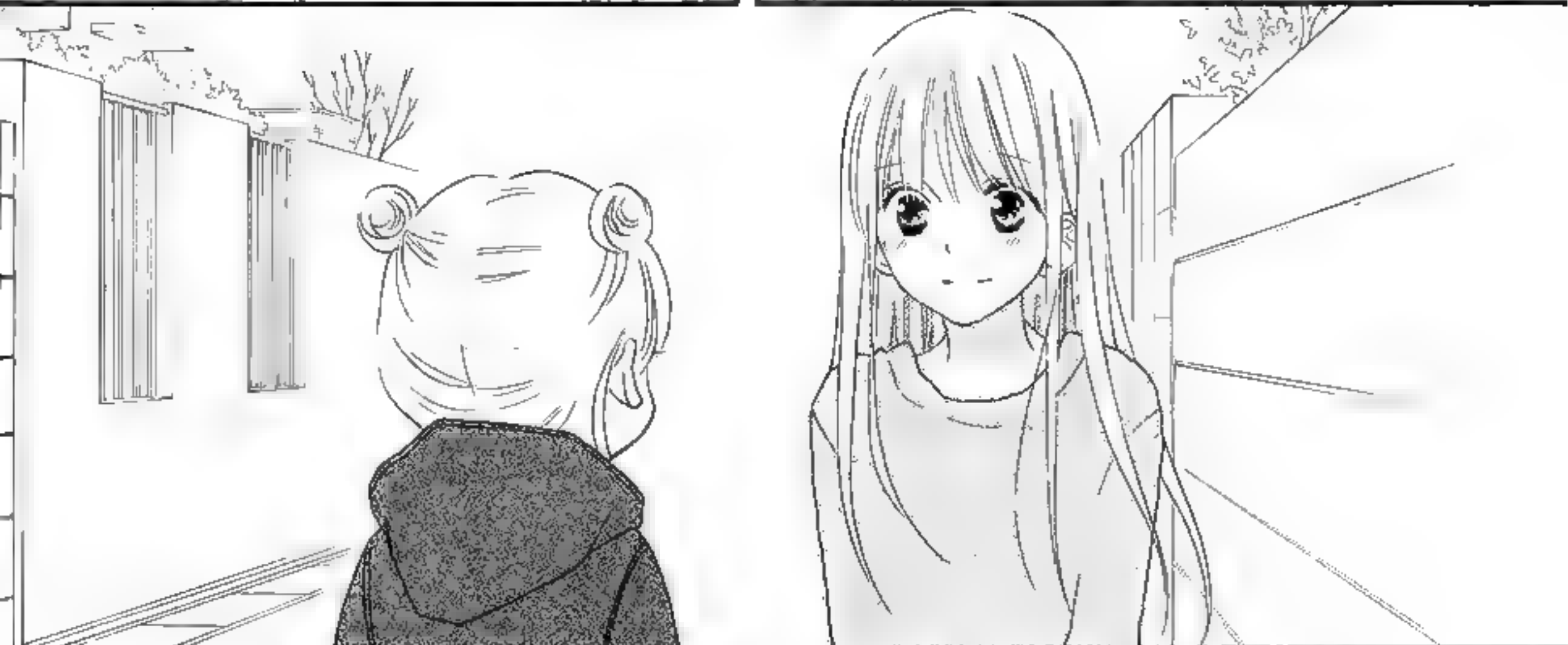
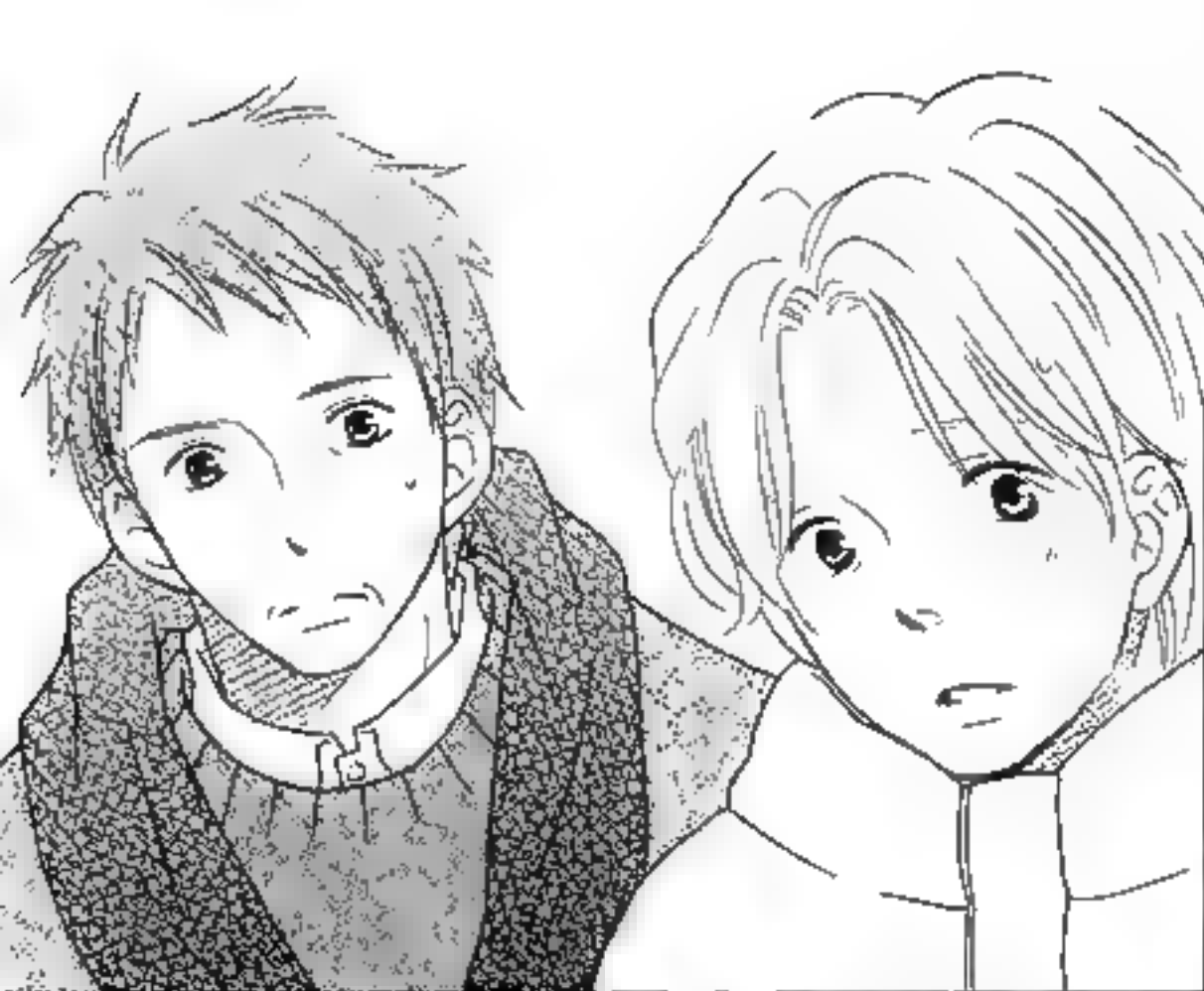
BUT
PAPA WILL
STAY WITH
YOU. IS THAT
NOT GOOD
ENOUGH?

I KNOW
THAT YOUR
BYE BYE WITH
SHIHARU-TAN
AND SEITAN
WILL BE
LONG.



RIKU-KUN AND
HIS FAMILY ARE
ALSO EXCITED
ABOUT YOU
COMING!

GRANDMA
AND GRANDPA
WILL ALSO BE
WITH YOU.





Together

I
wanna

with all.

stay...

Waaaaaa

あ

あ

あ

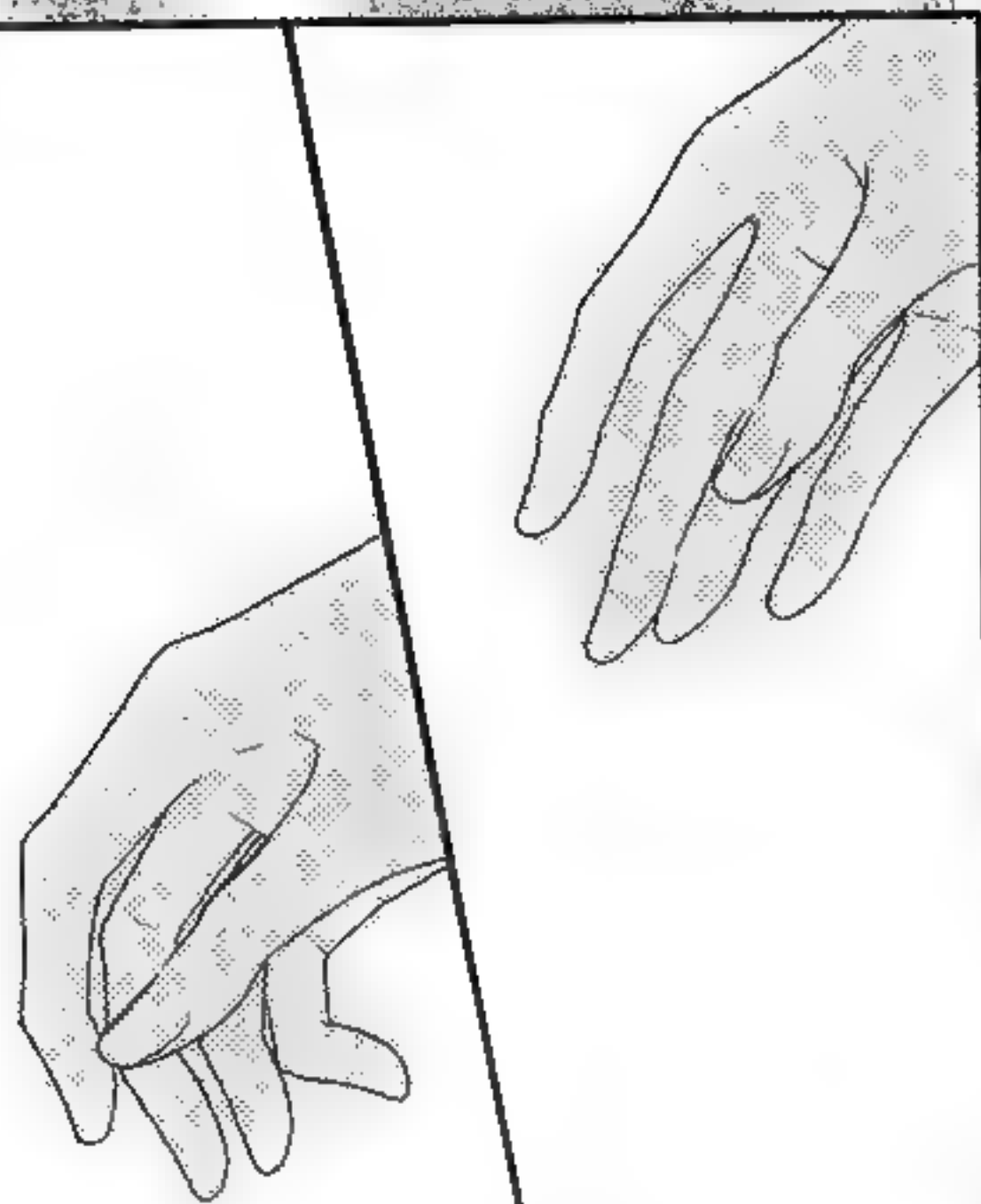
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あ

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What
should I
do?



What can
I tell them, so
they will feel
reassured?

So
they will
understand...

what
should I
say?



Tell me,



Oh,
it's okay.
I'm sorry for
the inconve-
nience

Is
everything
alright...?

I have
no idea at
all...

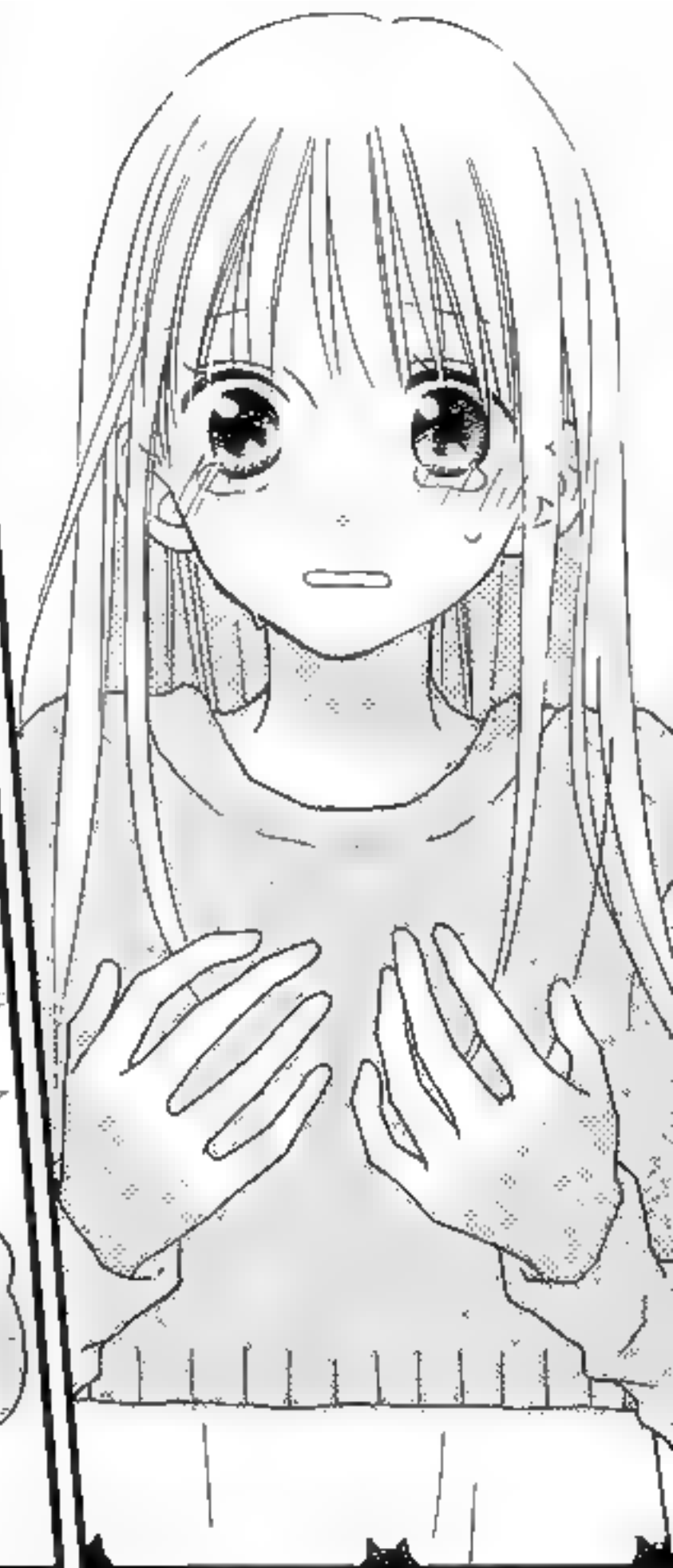
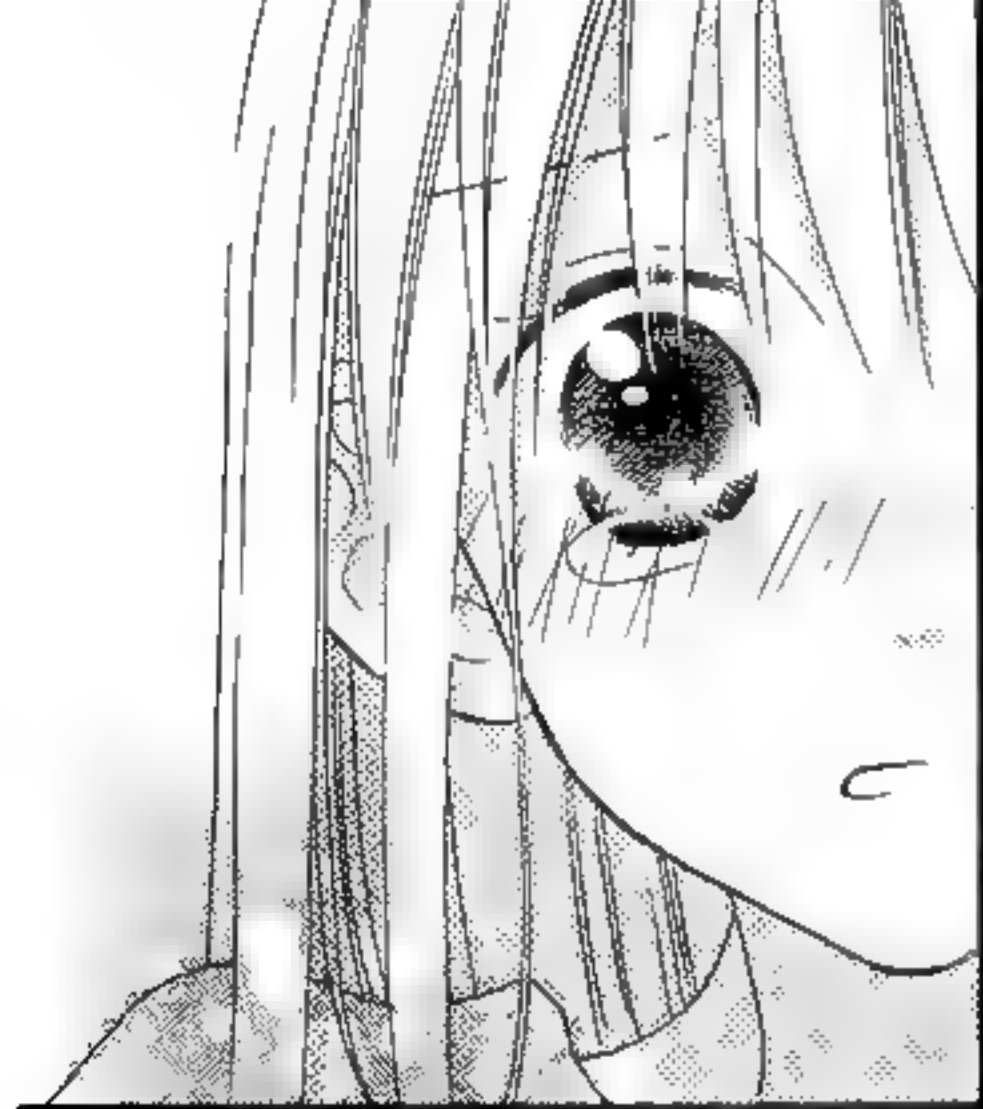






Let's go.







Come...

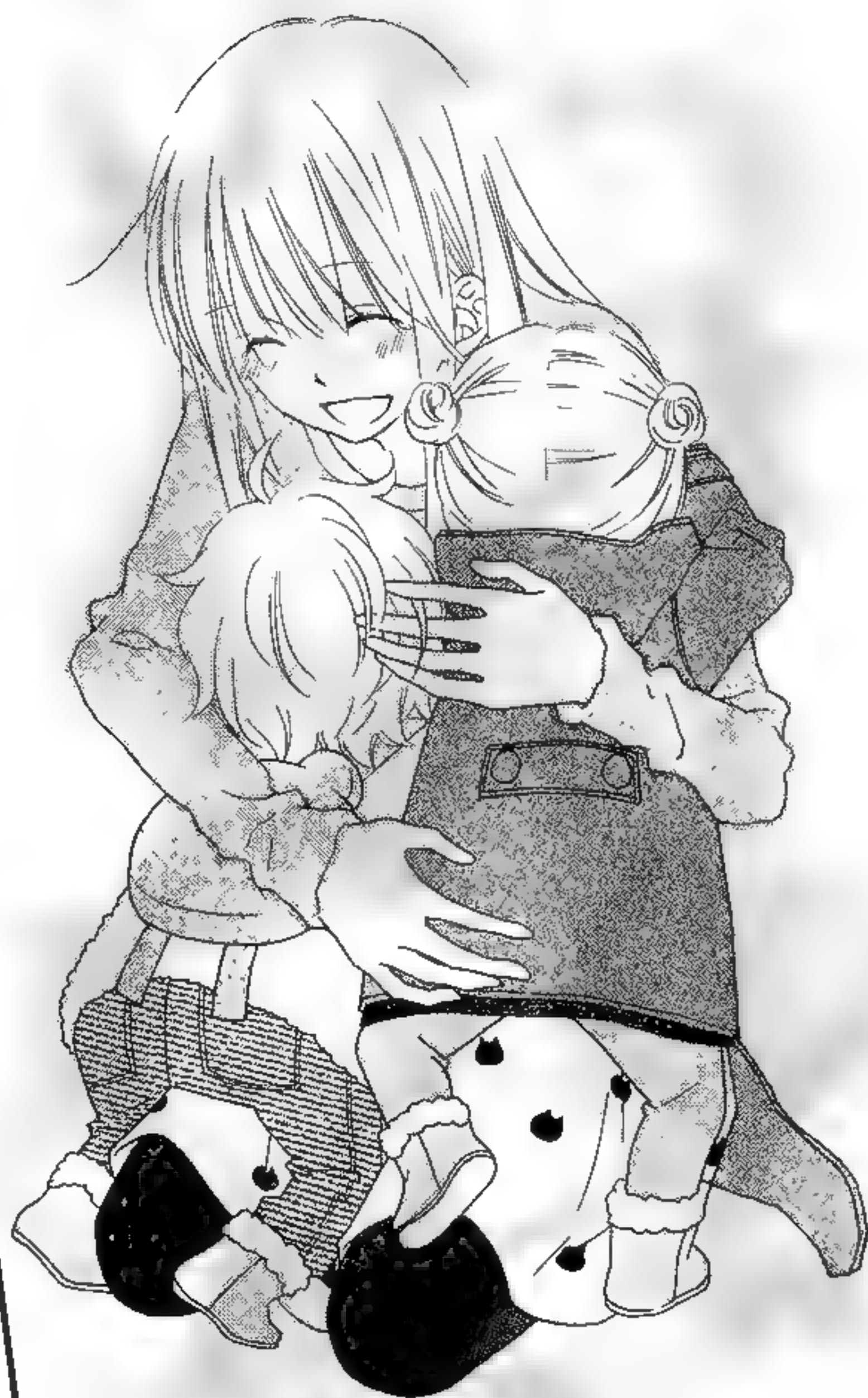
**And
play again,
okay?**



I
was very
happy.

I had
so much
fun.

These
two small
children...



taught me
how warm those
days could be.

Every day.



Well,
then...

SHIHARU-
CHAN, WE
MEAN IT. PLEASE
COME OVER
WHENEVER
YOU CAN.

PROMISE
US.



Yes

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!



I'm
sure that this
warmth

won't
fade away, no
matter how far we
are apart.





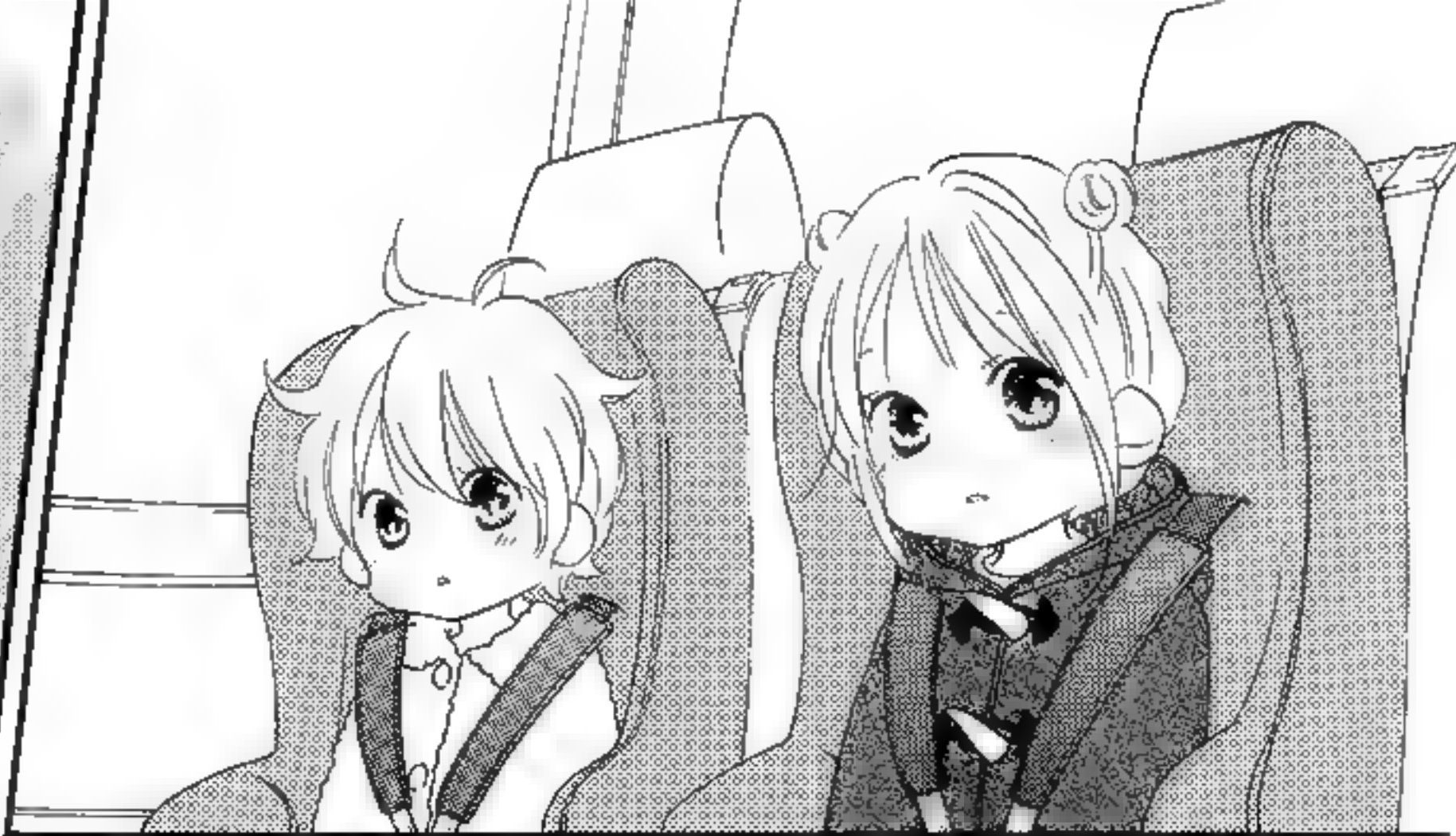
AOI-
KUN...

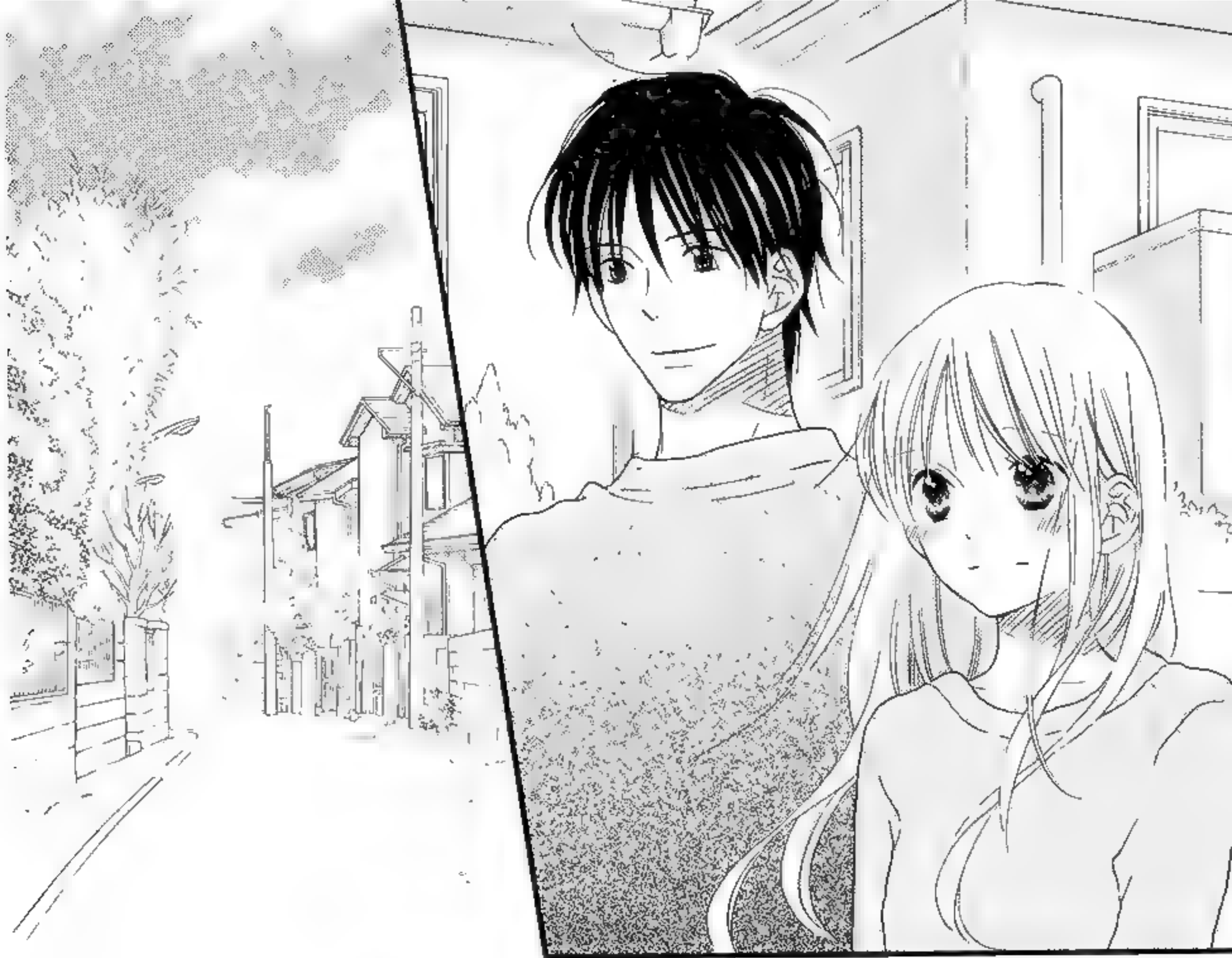
AKANE-
CHAN,

WE WILL.

I WILL
ALWAYS

LOVE YOU
BOTH VERY
MUCH!






Side Panel

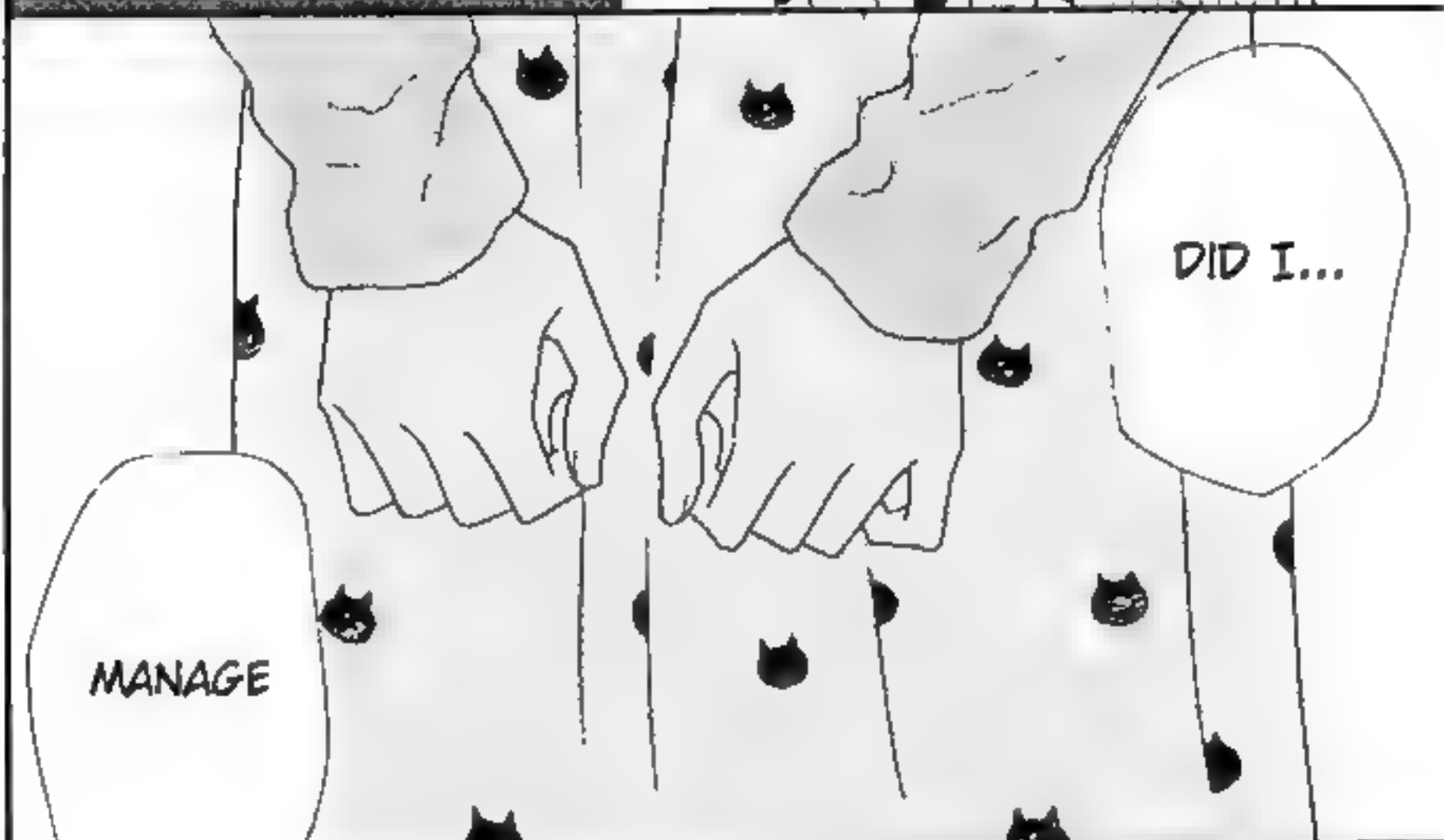
③

For the cover of this volume, we tried to recapture the fresh feelings of Volume 1. Because of that, I looked back and checked Volume 1. Hmmm....

Back then, I was thinking if I could make a long serialization, continuously drawing and making characters, surely I would be able to improve myself as a manga artist along the way.

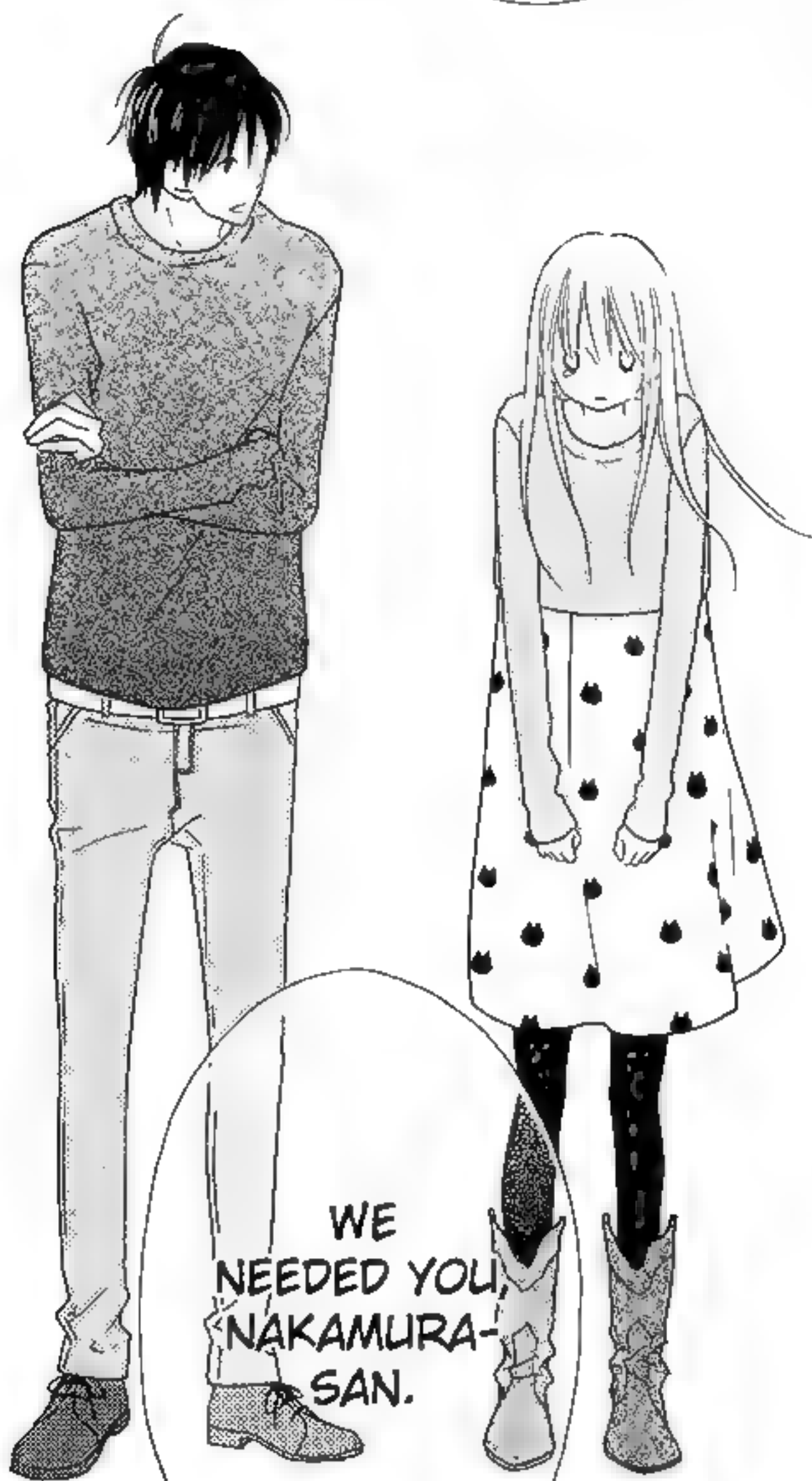
But I was so shocked to find out that I hadn't changed at all!!

Sma  ck
Weird, huh!?





WAS NOT
A PERFECT
BABYSITTER.



WE
NEEDED YOU,
NAKAMURA-
SAN.



NAKAMURA-
SAN,

WHAT
WE REALLY
NEEDED



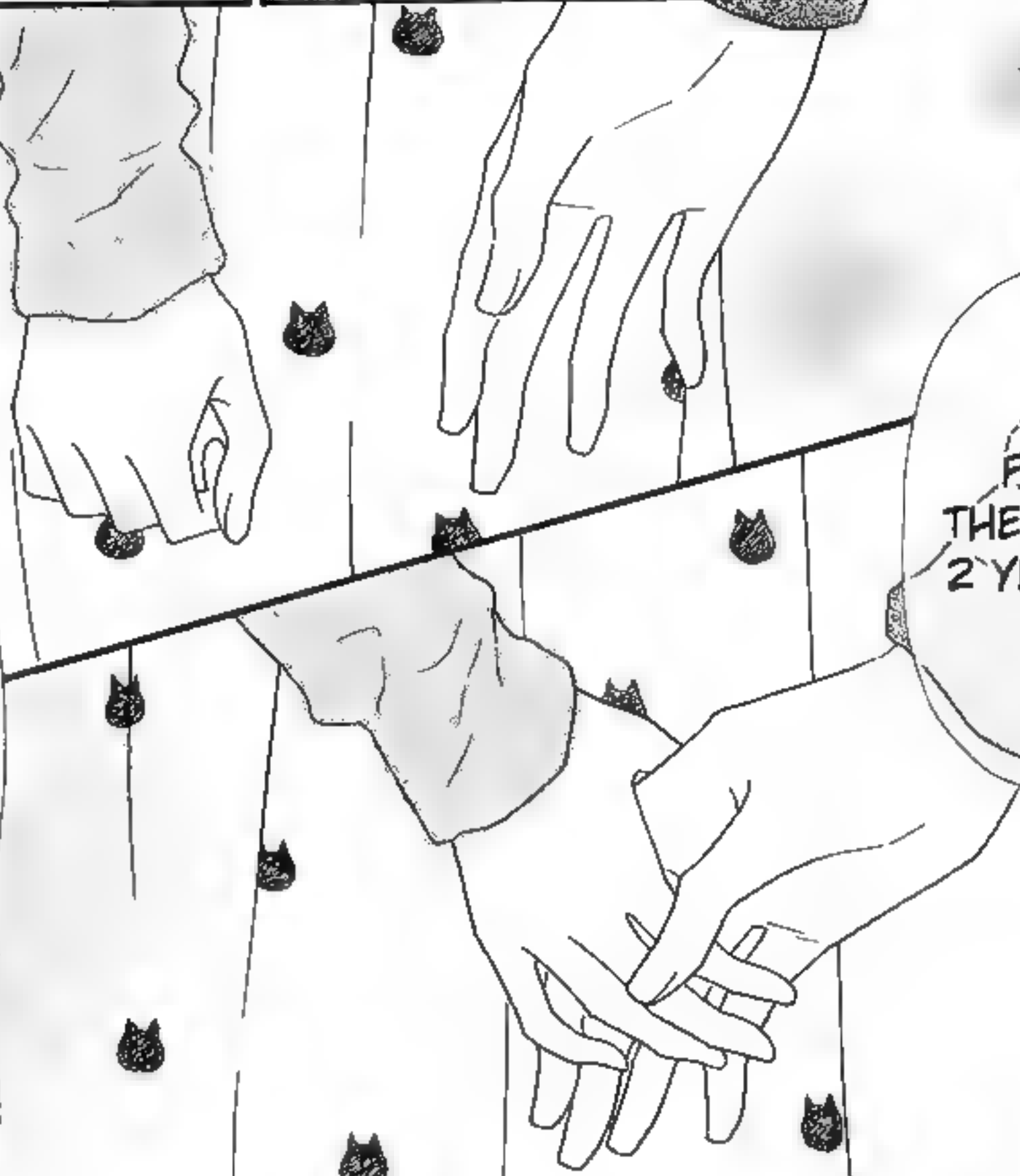
I
THINK THAT
WHEN YOU
SHOW YOUR
FEELINGS,

WE
ALL FEEL
REASSURED,
AS WELL.




THAT'S
WHY

IT'S
PERFECTLY
FINE IF YOU
WANT TO CRY,
IF YOU FEEL
SAD.



YOU HAVE
BEEN WITH
US.

FOR
THE LAST
2 YEARS.



THANK
YOU

FOR
SHOWERING
THE TWINS

WITH
SO MUCH
LOVE.

The days
have gone by
so quickly.





Unlike the
orphanage where
I grew up



Matsunaga-san
and the twins have
given me

the chance
to experience what
a real family
feels like.



Aoi-kun,



Akane-
chan,

Thank you
for the lovely
memories!

LOVE SOL^{ライフ}LIFE

Chapter 103

MORNING!

GOOD
MORNING!





YES,
THEY ARE!

THE
BUDS ARE
GETTING
BIGGER.

THE CHERRY
BLOSSOMS
NEAR THE GATE
ARE ALMOST
BLOOMING.

YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

IT'S ALMOST
BEEN A YEAR
SINCE YOU GOT
HIRED, SHIHARU
SENSEI.

OH,

THEN THAT
MEANS...

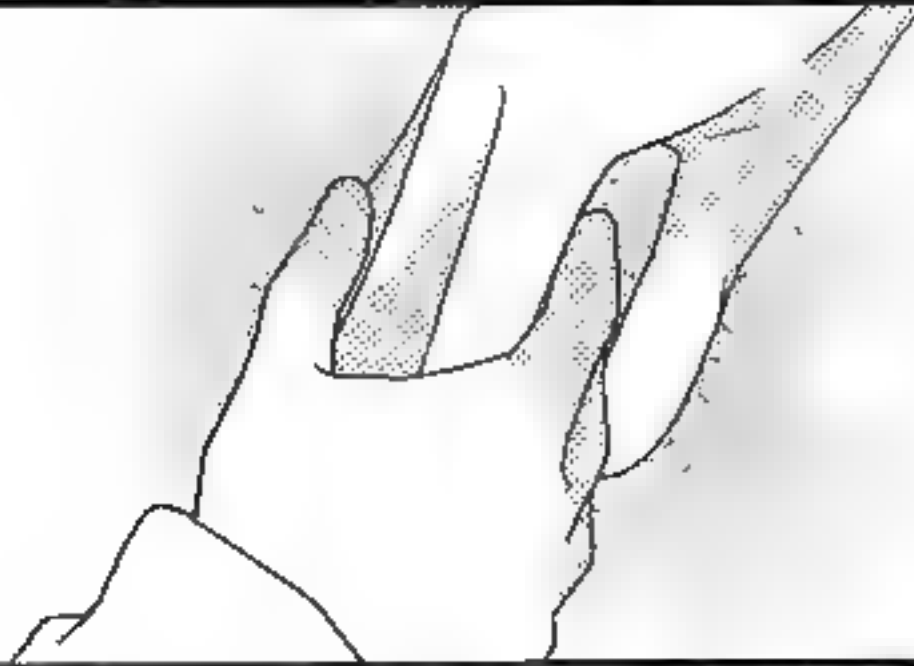


After
graduating from
high school,

I

managed to enroll
in college specializing
in Early Childhood
Education and
Care.

Last year,
I finally achieved
my dreams to become
a child care
worker.



It's been
5 years since
that day.

From
this spring,





RIO!

We're
entering the sixth
year...



LONG
TIME NO
SEE!

HOW
ARE YOU
DOING?



YEAH,
I'M DOING
GREAT!

HERE,
HERE!



SHIHARU!





GUAM.

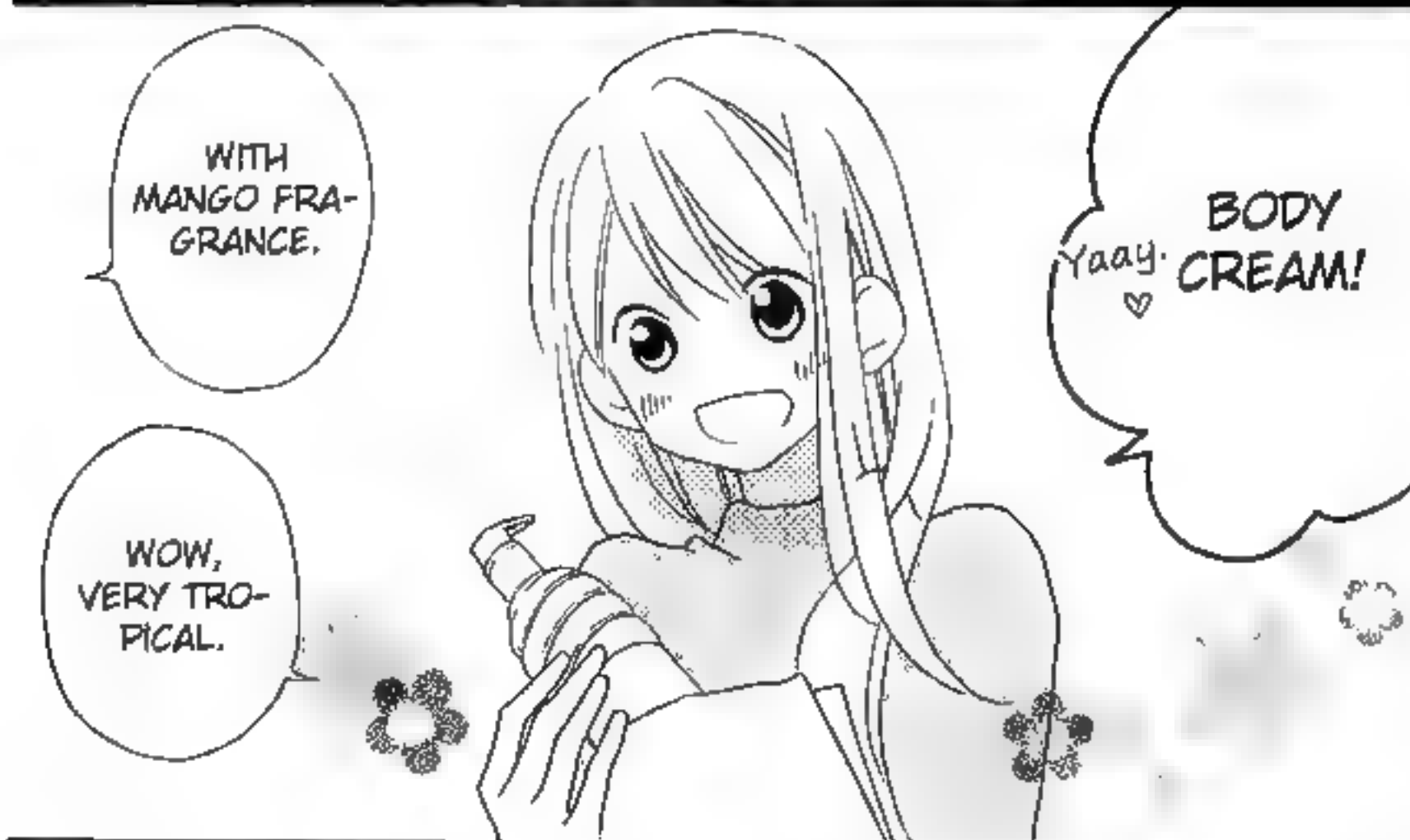


WHERE
DID YOU
GO?

WOW!
THANKS SO
MUCH.

HERE'S
A PRESENT
FOR YOU.

I
WENT ON A
GRADUATION
TRIP LAST
TIME.



WITH
MANGO FRA-
GRANCE.

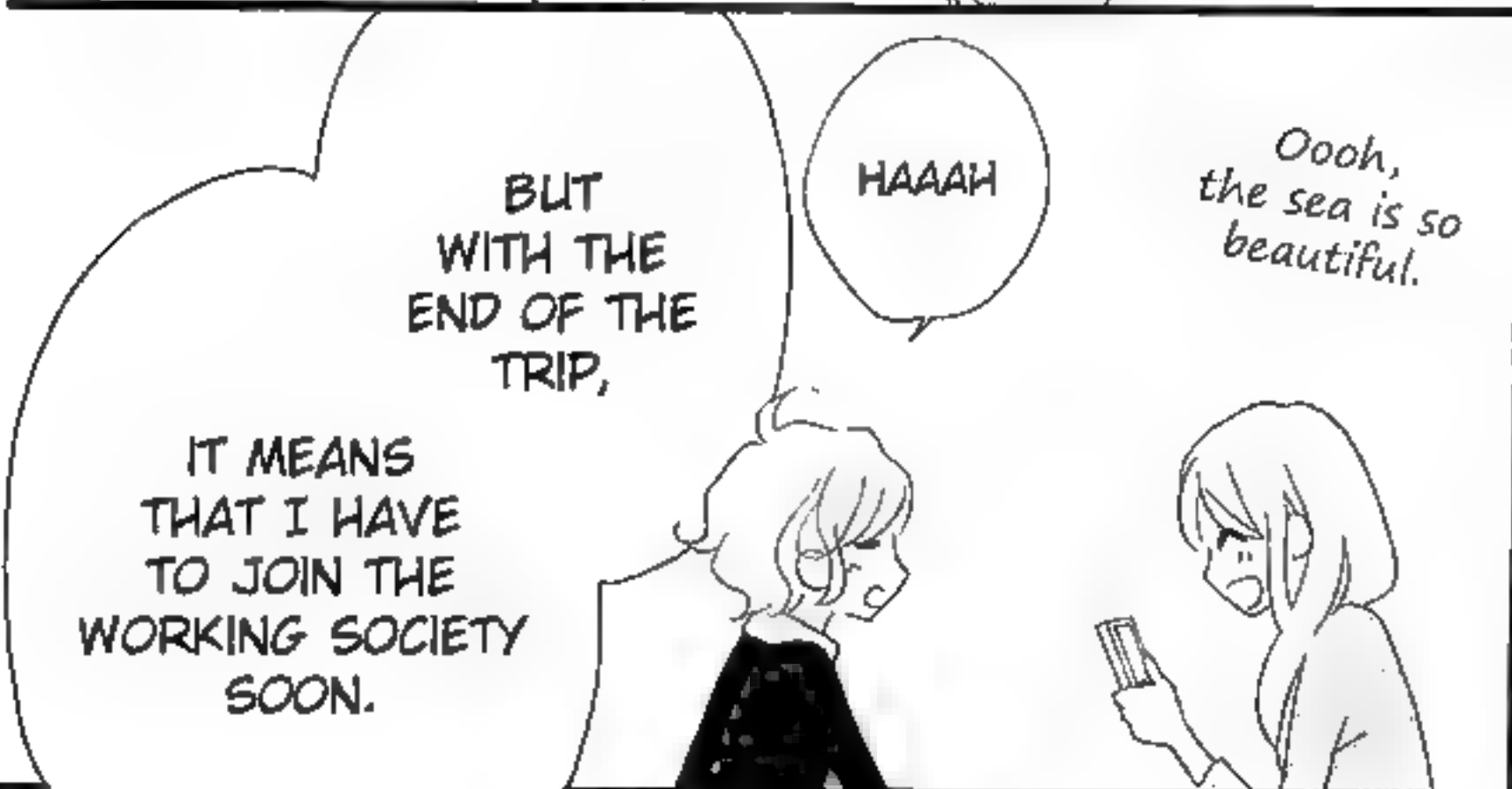
WOW,
VERY TRO-
PICAL.

Yaaay.
♡
BODY
CREAM!



Can
I open
it?

THAT'S
NICE! HOW
WAS IT?

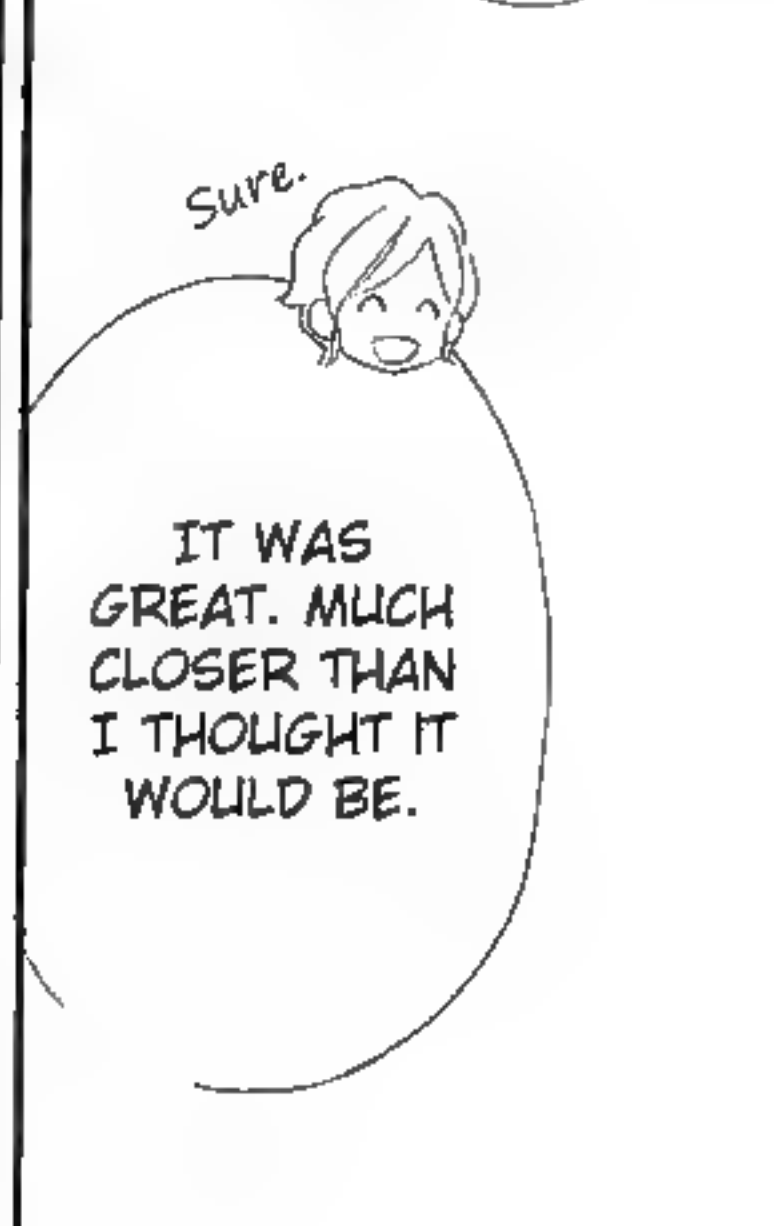


IT MEANS
THAT I HAVE
TO JOIN THE
WORKING SOCIETY
SOON.

BUT
WITH THE
END OF THE
TRIP,

HAAAAH

Oooh,
the sea is so
beautiful.



IT WAS
GREAT. MUCH
CLOSER THAN
I THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE.



OH
WELL,

YOU DO
BEAR BIGGER
RESPONSIBILI-
TIES AS A
WORKER.

THAT'S WHAT
I'M TALKING
ABOUT~



DON'T
YOU?

I
DON'T WANNA
WORK...



WELL, YOU
DID PART-TIME
JOBS WHILE
DOING YOUR 3-
YEAR DEGREE.

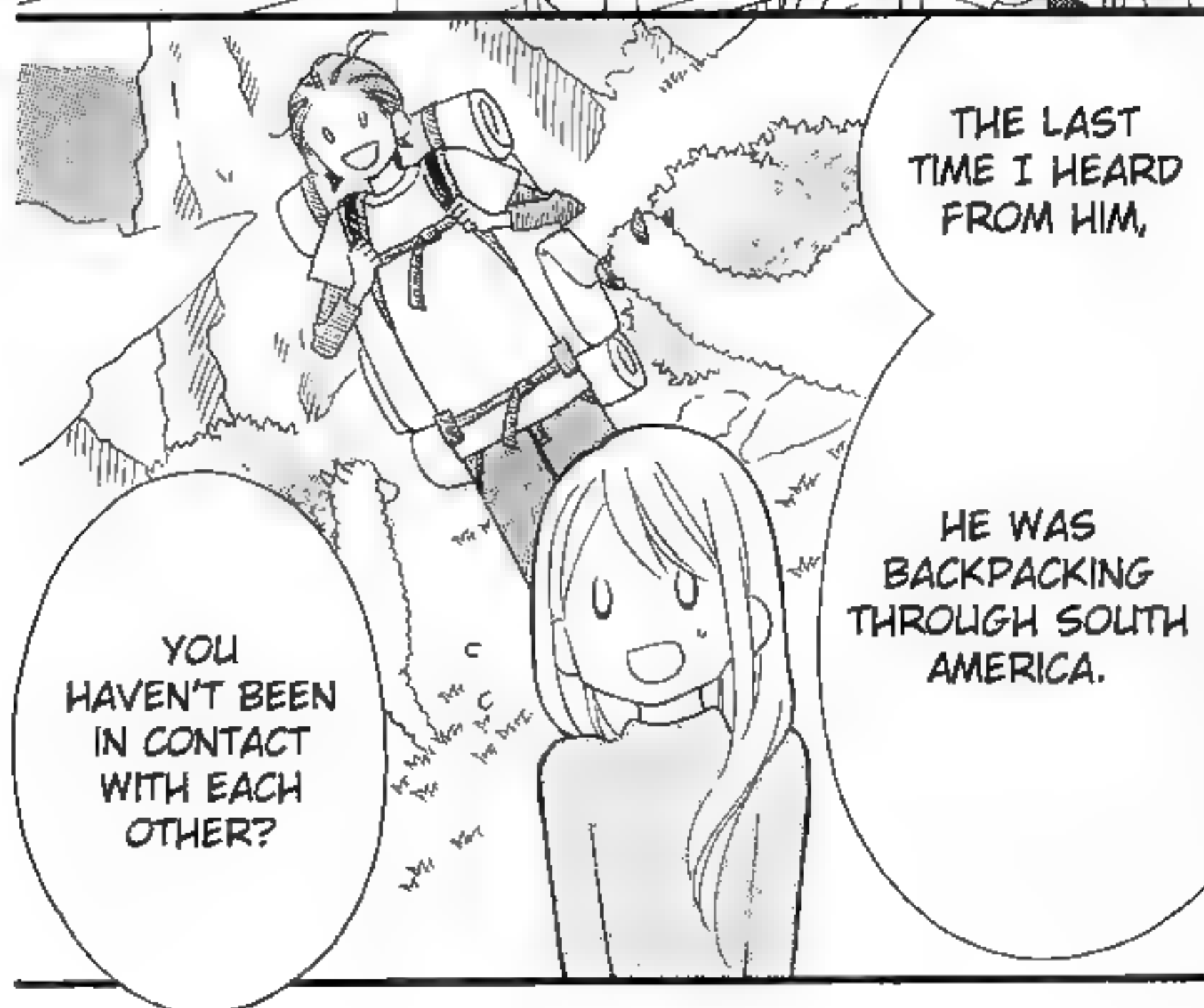
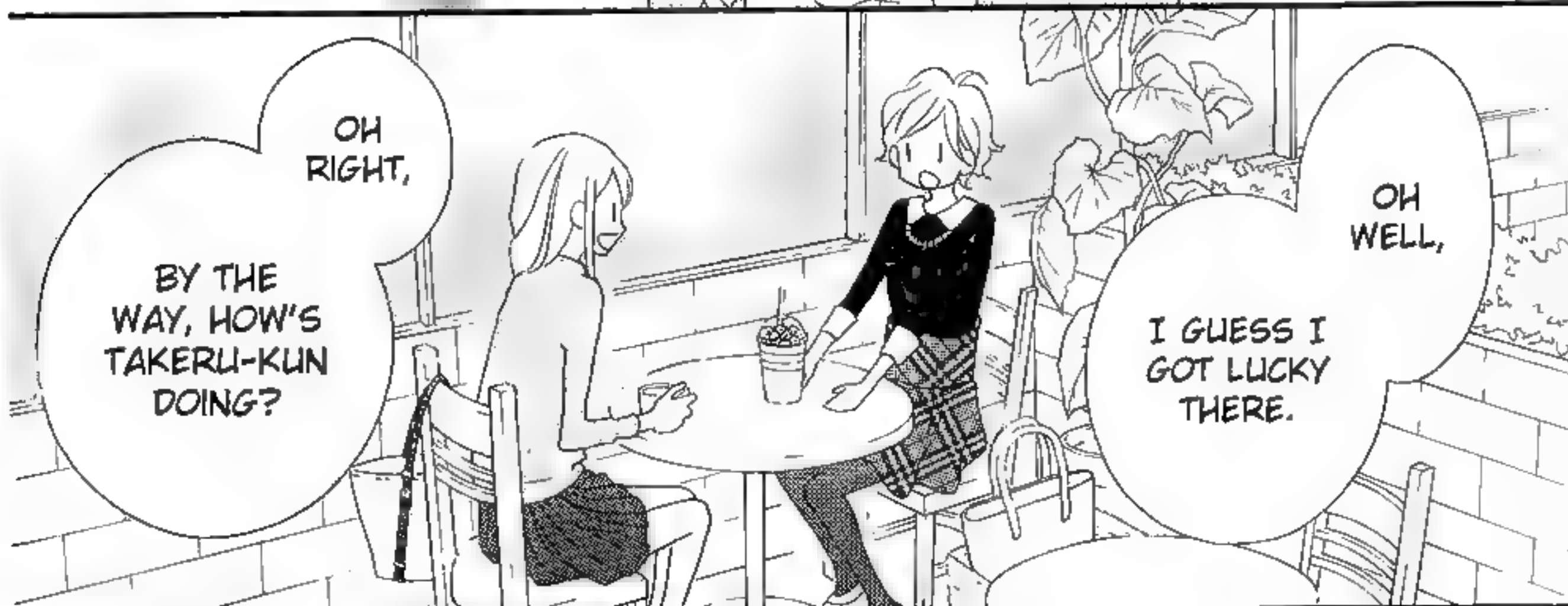
SO I THINK
IT'S AMAZING
THAT YOU JOINED
THE WORK FORCE
SO EARLY.

Eh,

NOT
AT ALL!

FOR ME, I
THINK IT'S WAY
MORE DIFFICULT TO
STUDY PROPERLY
FOR 4 YEARS.

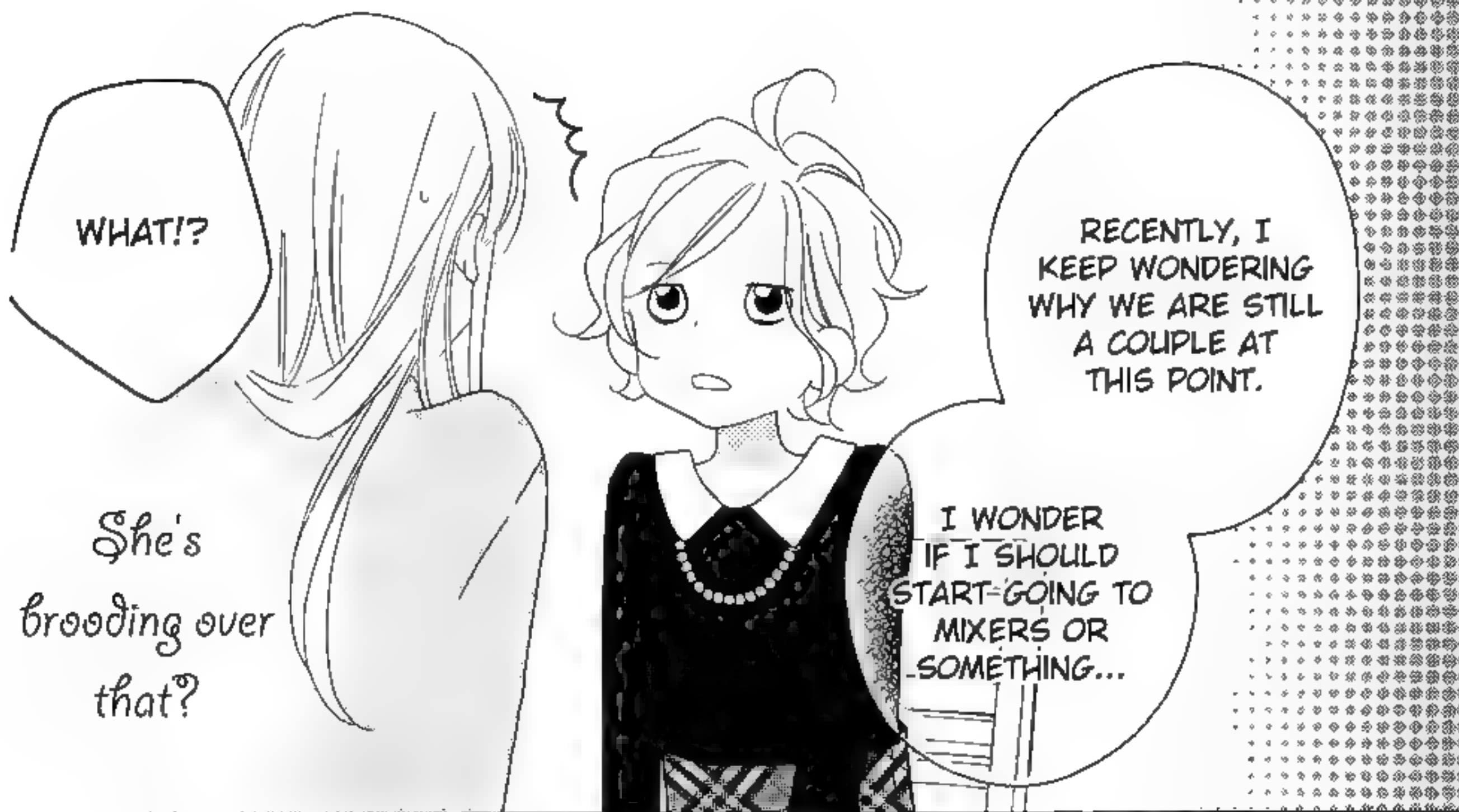
WELL,
THAT'S IF YOU
REALLY "STUDY
PROPERLY"...

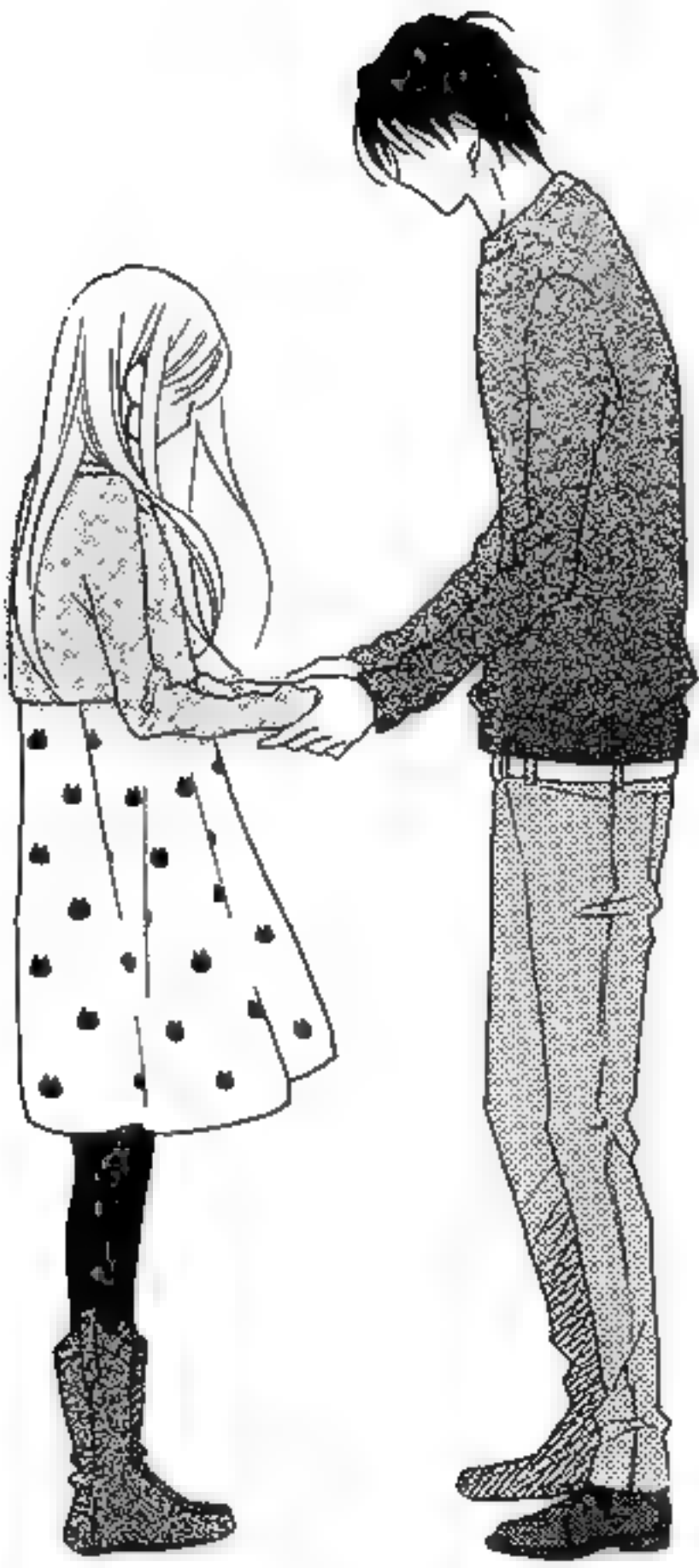


Side Panel 4

Anyway, whenever I think that there are some of the readers right now thinking "Oh, I really like this manga," I get motivated, and I feel like what I'm doing is worth it. It was pretty tough going through, drawing and writing 17 volumes of this manga. But I can't be grateful enough for those people who supported me throughout the journey, who wrote letters and who attended my book signings. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart!







NOTHING...

After
what happened
that day.



I THINK
RECENTLY...

HE MUST
BE VERY BUSY
AT WORK.

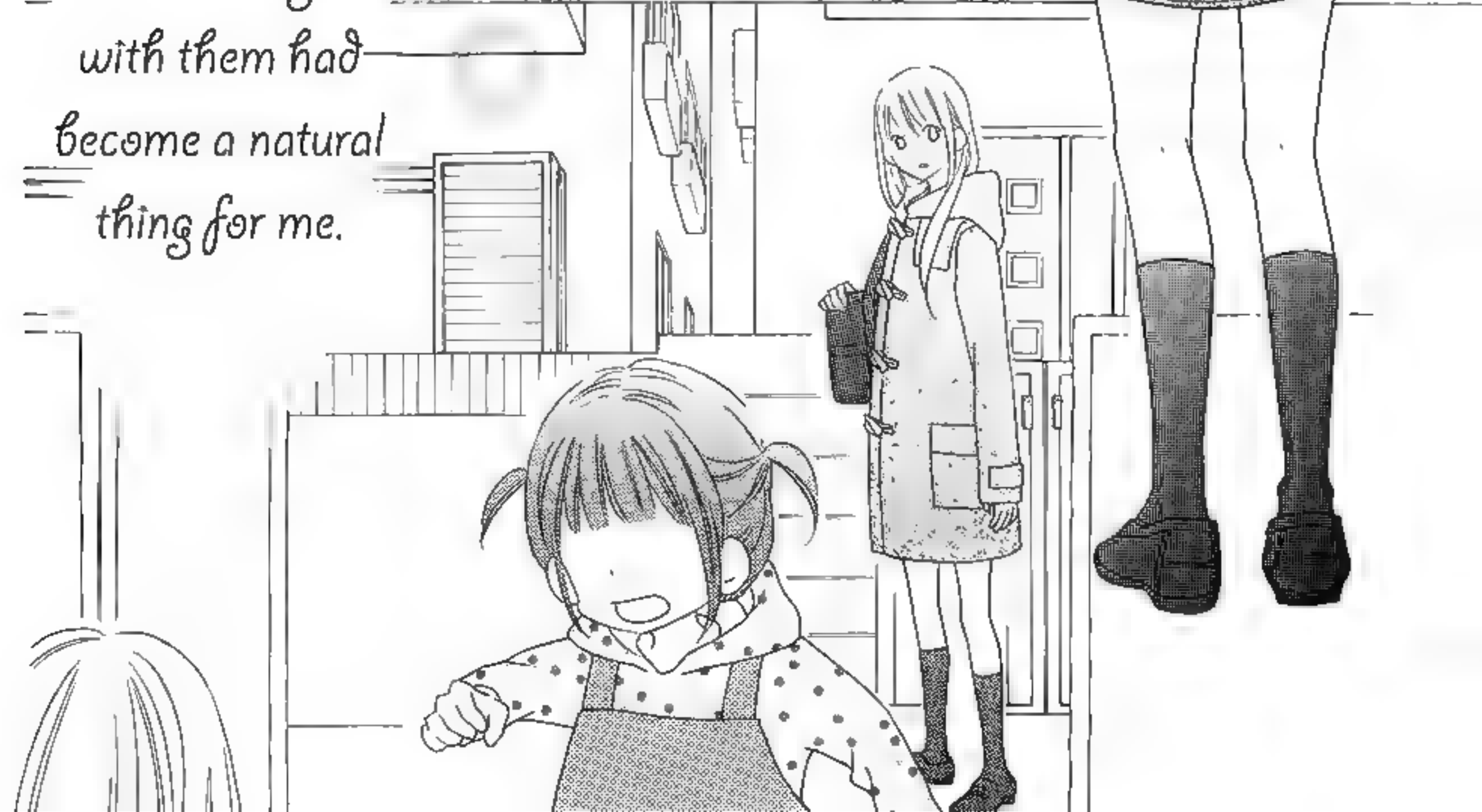


I did my
best to prepare
my heart

to let
go of the
twins.



But being
with them had
become a natural
thing for me.



I felt the loss
much more severely
than I thought I
would.

Somehow,
I couldn't move
on from it.





REALLY?
YOU'VE BEEN
SAYING THAT
ALL THE TIME
THESE DAYS.

ARE
YOU FEELING
UNWELL?

NO,
NOT AT ALL!
I'M REALLY
FINE.



I think
I ate too
much at
lunch
today



I'M
SORRY. I'LL
HAVE IT FOR
BREAKFAST
TOMORROW.



I know

SHE'S
PRETENDING
TO BE FINE.

I'M SURE
SHE MUST BE
VERY SAD
INSIDE.



SHE SAID
THAT, BUT I
WONDER IF
IT'S TRUE.



SHE
WENT TO BE
WITH THE TWINS
ALMOST EVERY
DAY BEFORE.







HE'S
RIGHT!

Panic

わー

Panic

わー

NAO-
KUN!

YOU CAN'T
HELP BEING
SAD WHEN
SAD THINGS
HAPPENED.

WHY ARE
YOU SAYING
MEAN THINGS
LIKE THAT
AGAIN?

C'mon!



YOU'RE
NOT THE ONLY
PERSON WHO'S
SAD NOW.

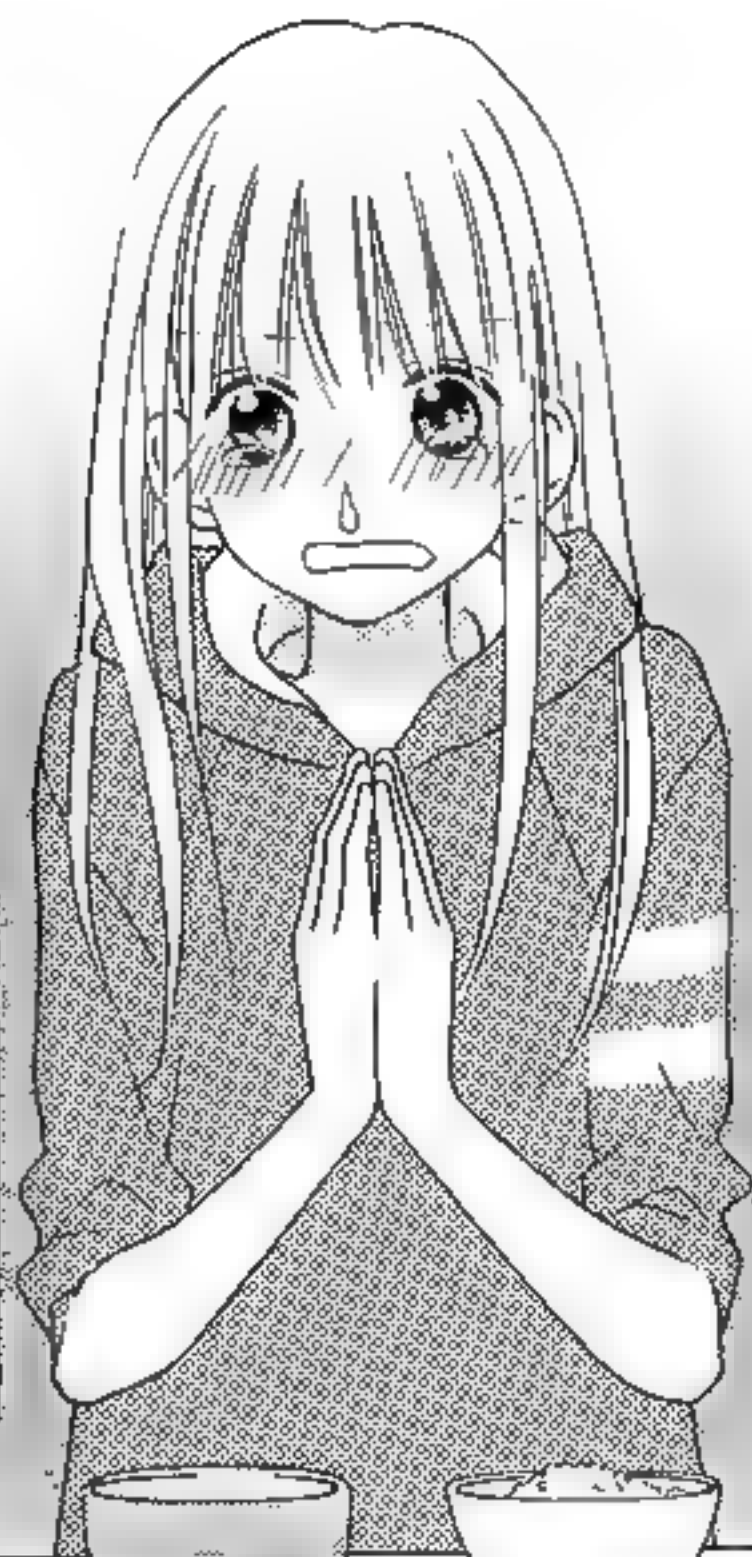


THEY'RE
DOING THEIR
BEST, EVEN
THOUGH THEY'RE
STILL VERY
YOUNG.

OVER
THERE,



That's right.

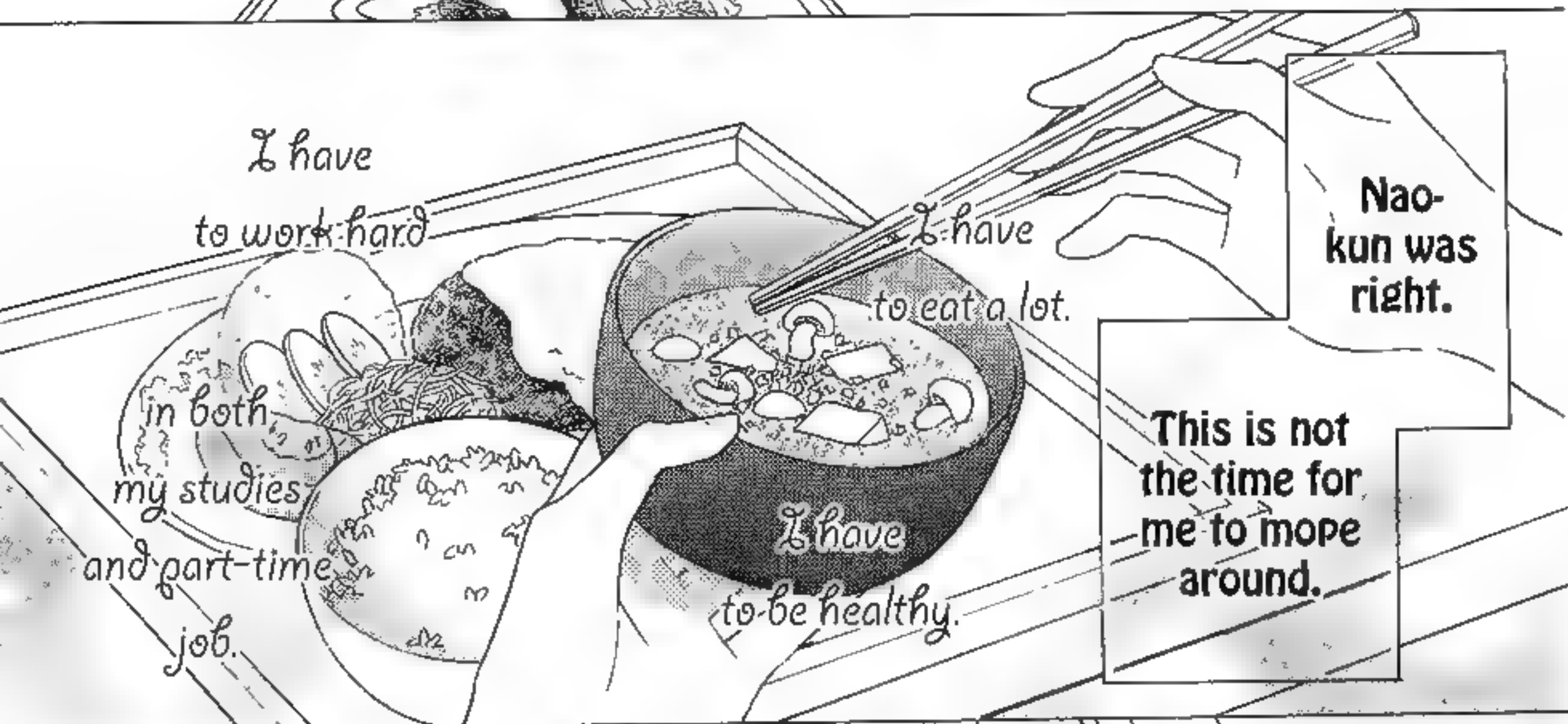


THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL.

YOU THINK YOU CAN EAT NOW?

HUH?

clink



I have to work hard

I have to eat a lot.

Nao-kun was right.

This is not the time for me to mope around.

I have to be healthy.

in both my studies and part-time job.

to be proud of what I'm doing.

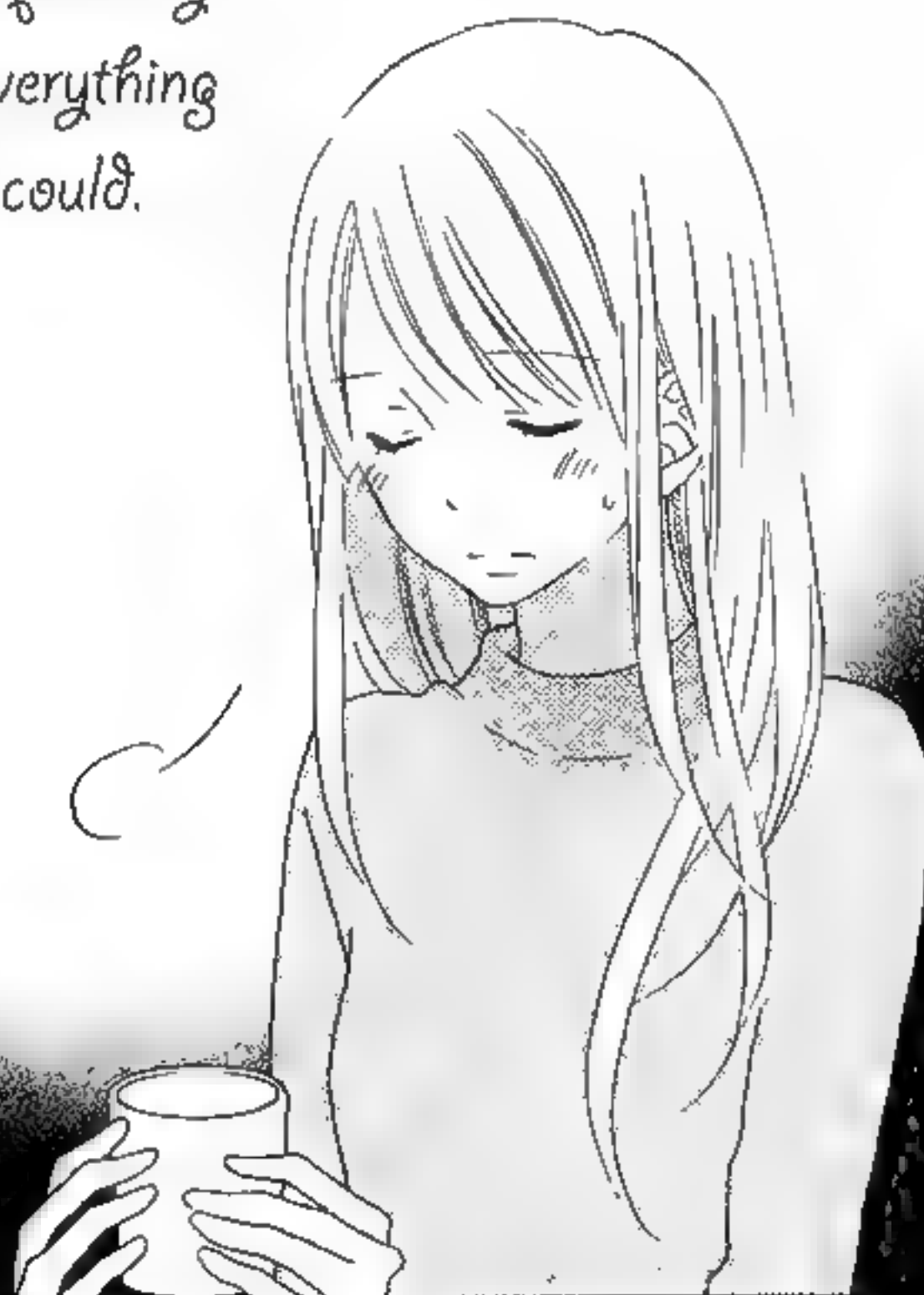
Even though we're far apart,

I want the twins



That's
how in the past
5 years

I desperately
did everything
I could.



And also for
Matsunaga-
san,
I want to
be a grown up that
will stand equally
with him.



Shiharu-
chan, don't
force your-
self.

Cough
Cough



LOOK AT
THIS. DID
YOU KNOW
IT?

HE WAS
CHOSEN AS
THE MOST
WONDERFUL
ANNOUNCER!

In the
magazine
I bought
today .

RIGHT!

SPEAKING OF
MATSUNAGA-
SAN...





YES...

THAT
MUST BE
WHY.



No
wonder
you two
can't
meet.

WELL, YOU
CAN SEE WHY
HE'S BEEN SUPER
BUSY THESE
DAYS.



BUT THE
TIMING WAS
ALWAYS BAD
WITH MATSUNA-
GA-SAN.



I SOME-
TIMES GO TO
SHIZUOKA,
AND THE
KIDS COME
HERE ONCE
IN AWHILE.



He
always seemed
restless.

He left and
went home in
a rush.

I've
got work
to do after
this.

Yes.

OH DEAR,
SEIJI-KUN,
YOU'RE
LEAVING
ALREADY?

Even when
I was lucky
enough to meet
him...

The
promise he
made then
is no
longer...

"I'll be
waiting for
you."

Perhaps...



BUT...

BUT YOU
SEE...

!





WHAT'S
UP?

I
KNOW!

Ah!
Hello.
Shiharu-
chan?

It's
Akane.

* T/N – Hanami: cherry blossom viewing, usually with a picnic.



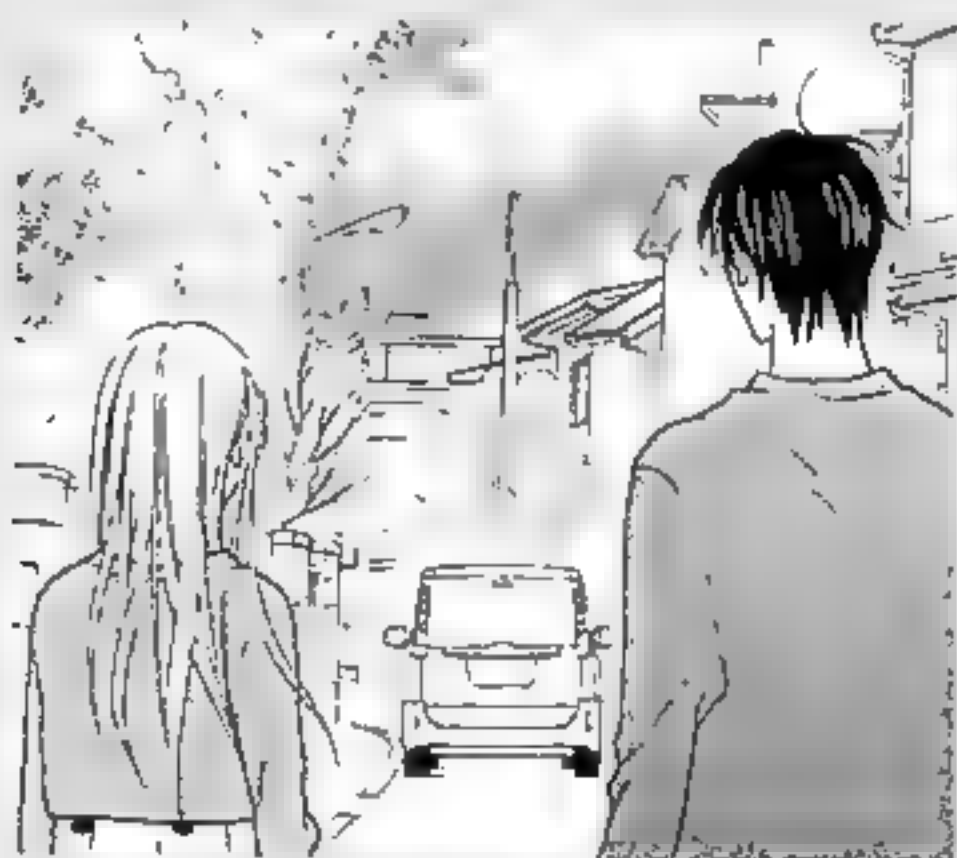
Do
you want
to go with us
for "hanami"
next time?

Listen.

LOVE SO ^{ライフ}LIFE

For
awhile after
their move to
Shizuoka.

Okane-chan
and Doi-kun



seemed to be
saying "I wanna
go home," every
night.

They made
their grandparents
very troubled



Chapter 104



They
dealt with
the twins

with a lot
of patience and
cooperation with
each other

they finally
understood
that home was
"here" now.

Bit
by bit,

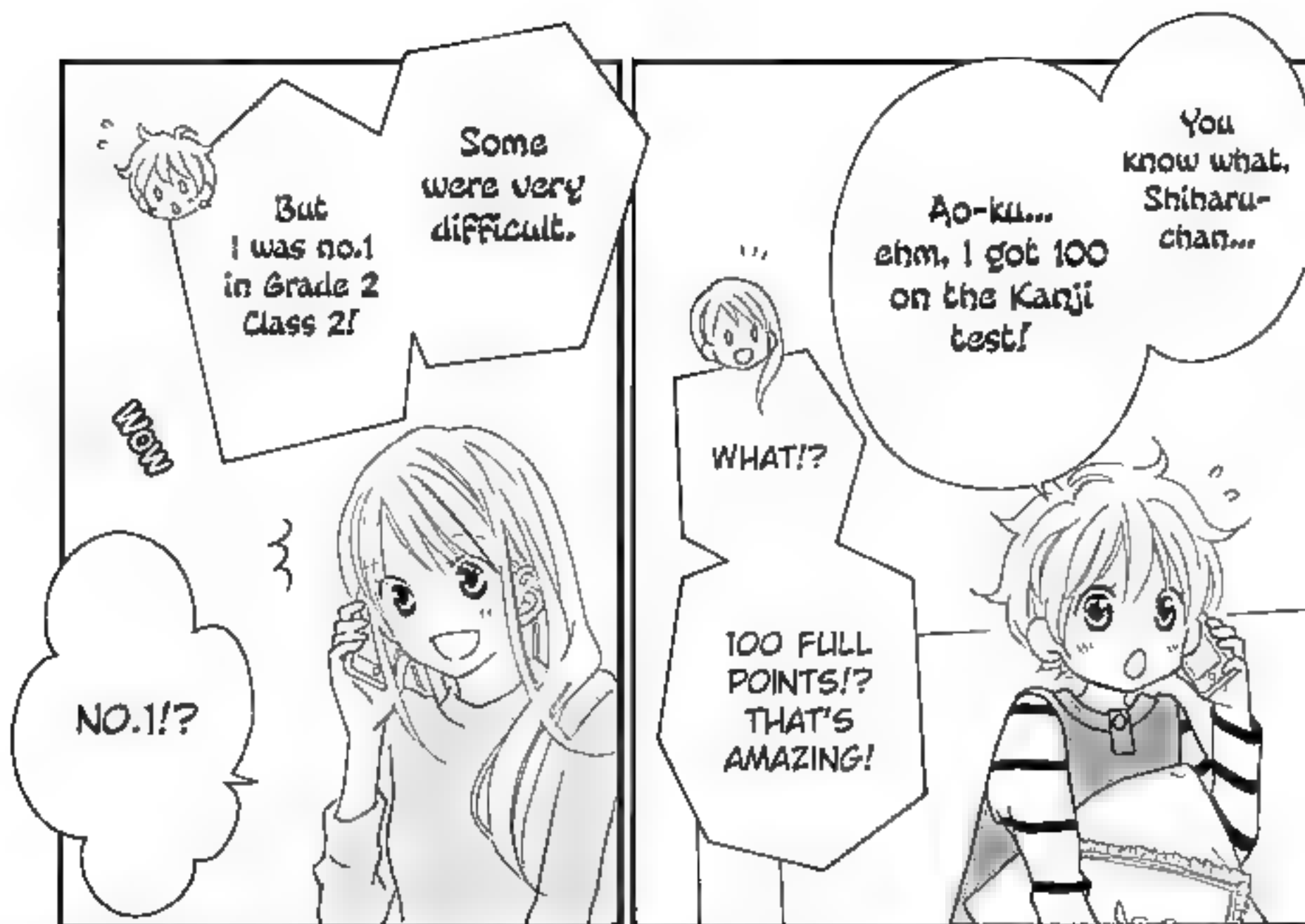


And
right now, =

they all get
along well and
live happily
together.

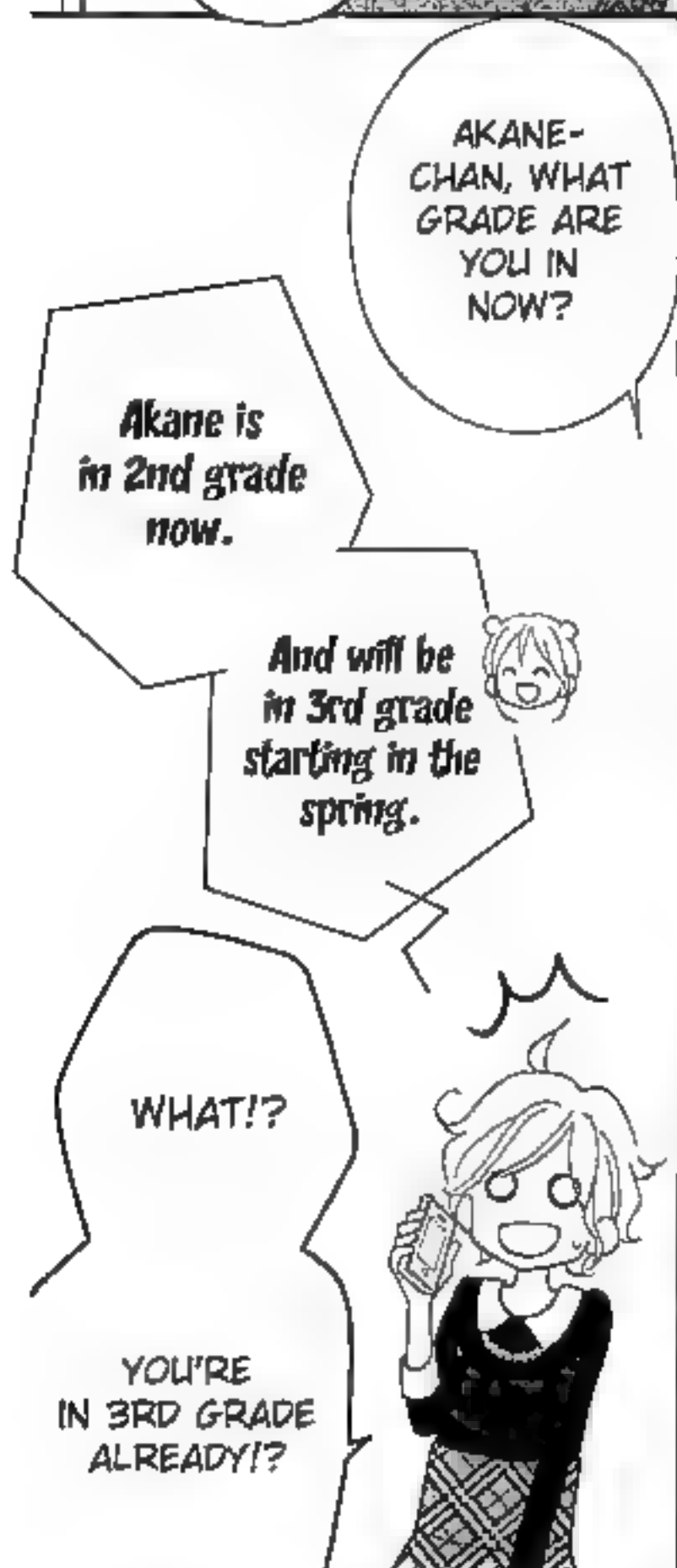


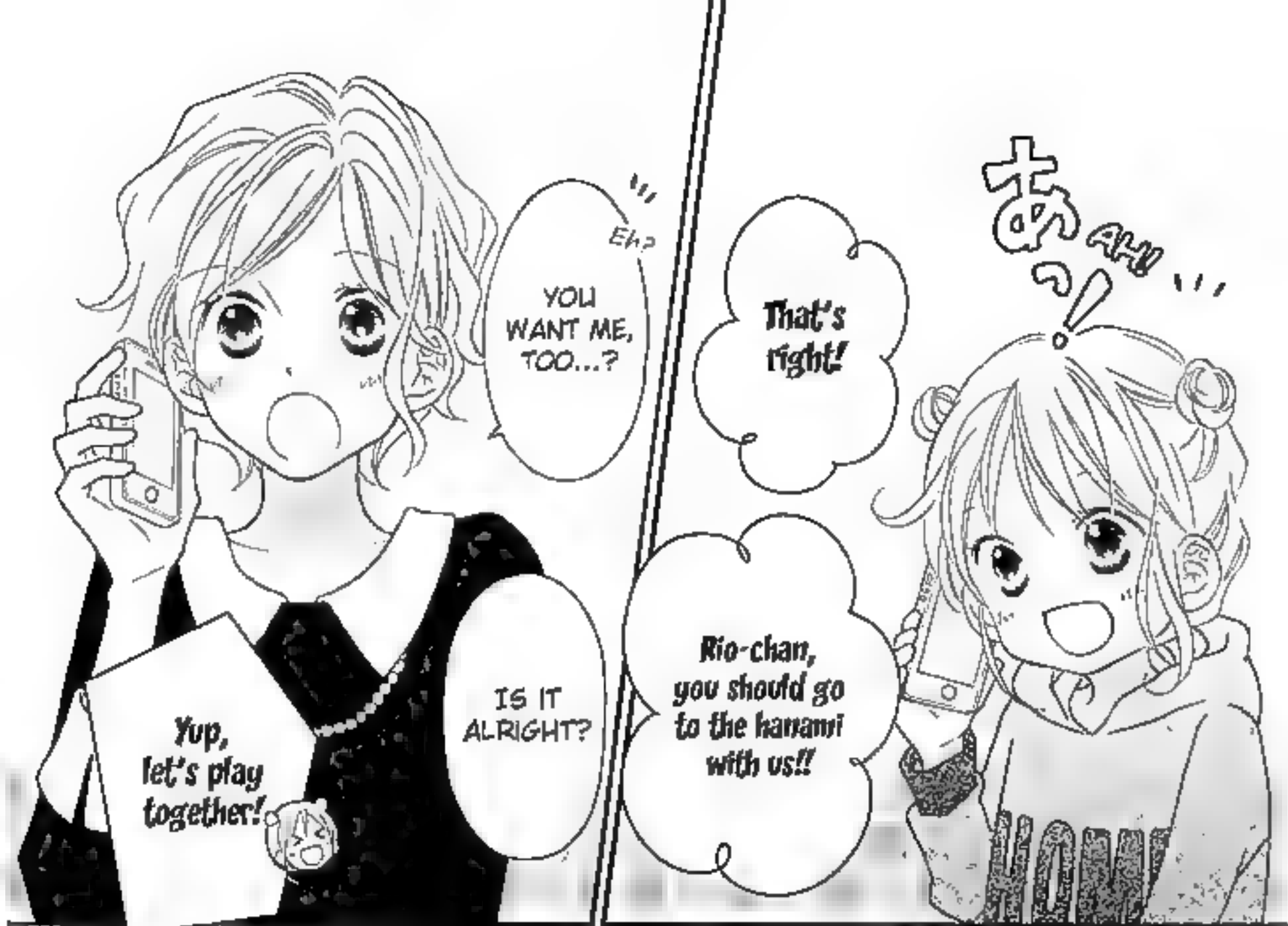




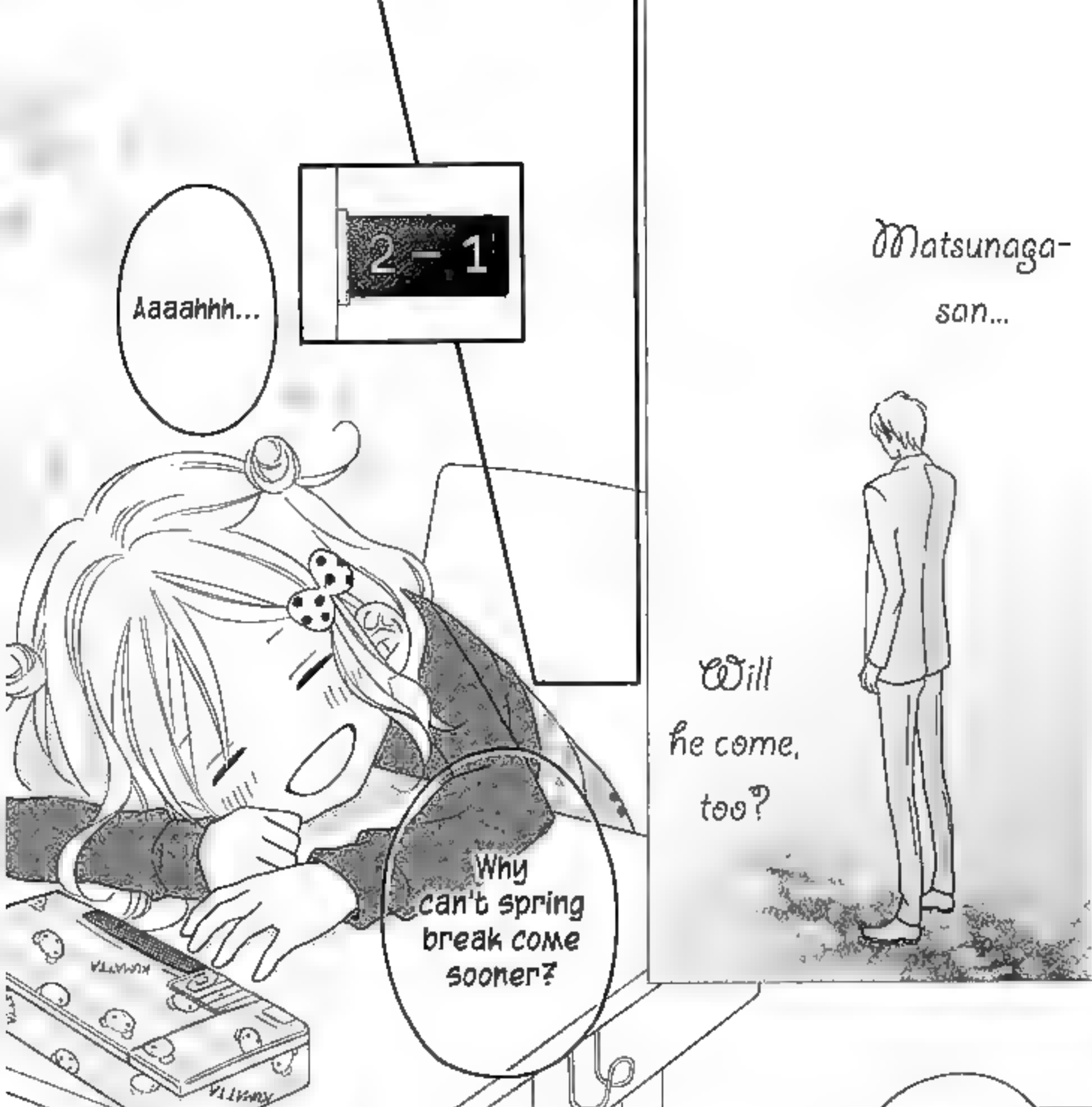
* T/N. Aoi's nose a bit long, but he's not lying as in like Pinocchio. In Japan, having a "long nose" means you are being proud.











Aaaahhh...

2-1

Matsunaga-san...

Will he come, too?

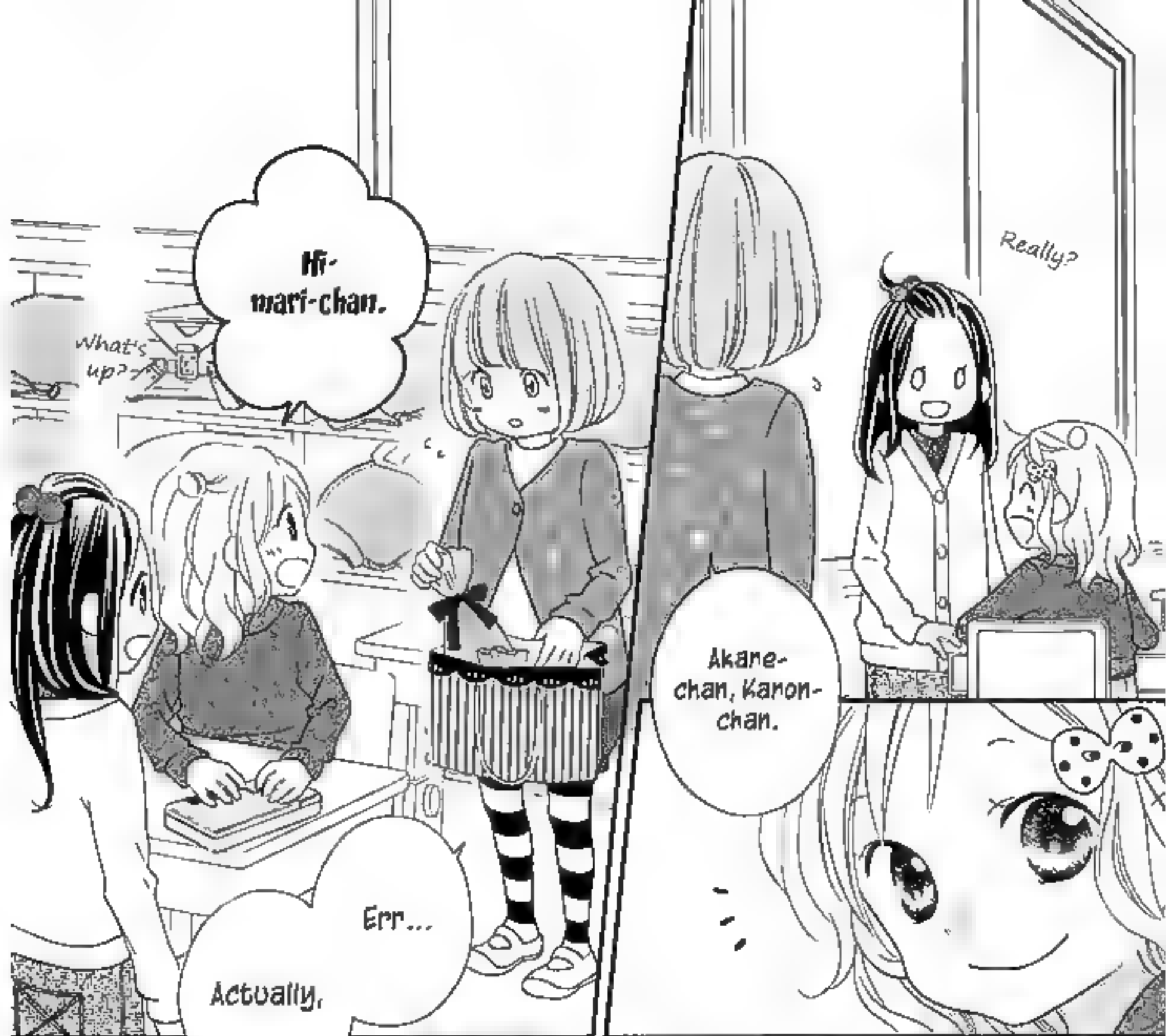
Why can't spring break come sooner?

You know what, when Akane was a baby, there was this Oneechan who took care of us.

We're going to the hanami together with her!

Yup!

Akane-chan, are you going anywhere for spring break?



Hi-
mari-chan.

Really?

Akane-
chan, Kanon-
chan.

Err...

Actually,

I made
this with Mama
yesterday.

Please
have them.

Wow!

Are they
homemade?
That's
amazing!

They look
so yummy!

Oh,
and
one more
thing...

Side Panel 5

Let's change the topic. From chapter 103, the twins are primary school kids now. Turned out that it's quite difficult to draw small kids around 2nd or 3rd grade. It's not easy to grasp the balance. I tried different shapes of cheek roundness, expanding then slimming them a lot. So if you find the kids actually looking a lot older, I'd be very relieved.



It's For Aoi-kun!

Thi...

This one...



Akane-chan,

could you give them to him?

BUSHING

!!

Eh?

For Aoi-kun too?



Okay

Sure.

Akane will give them to him.





Okay.

Ah.

Give me
a minute!

She
gave your
share too,
Ao-kun.

Himari-chan
made them with
her mama.

Cookies!



Himari-
chan?

What's
that?

Oh!

Right,
Ao-kun!

Here.



Look,
look!!

Hey!

She
sometimes
comes to play
with us



WHAAT?!

You don't
know Himari-
chan!?



↑
Wrong girl

Ooh...



when the
buds are bigger,
the blossoms will
bloom soon.

Grandma
said that

Yeah!



The cherry
blossom buds
are bigger!

Yeah,
they are!











WHAT'S THIS FOR?

Cookies!



Welcome back, Grandma!

IT'S REALLY WARM TODAY, ISN'T IT?



OH?



LET'S MAKE TEA THEN.

Can we eat them now?

YAAAY



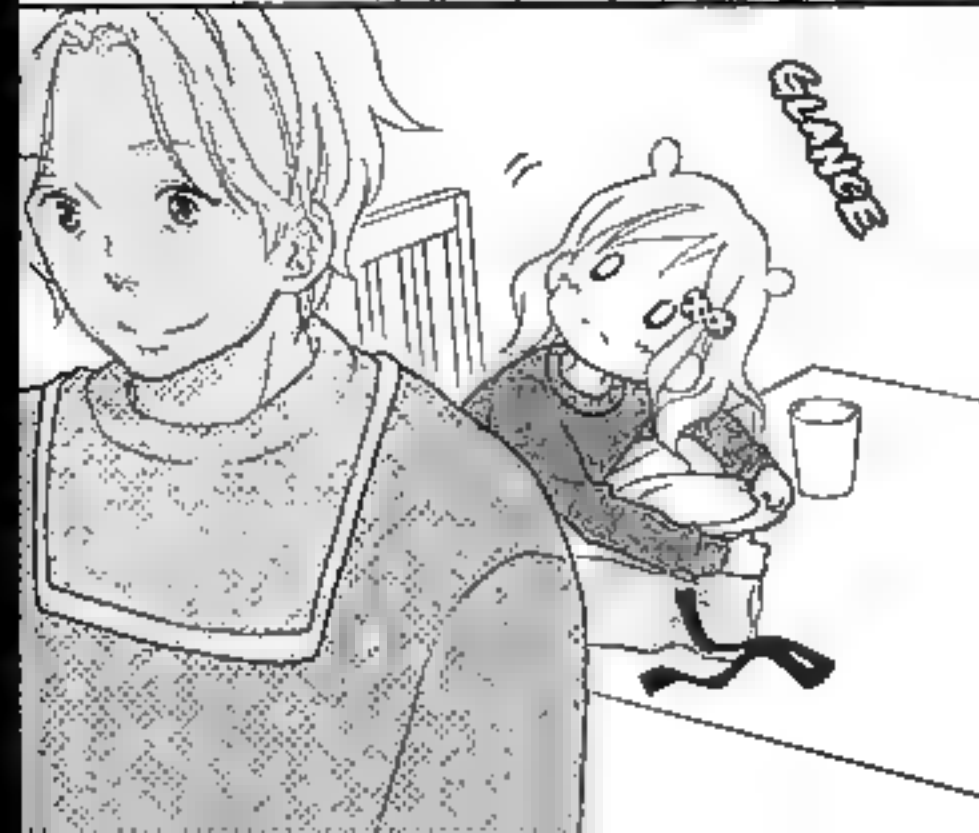
Himari-chan said she made them with her mama.

Then she gave Akane and Ao-kun.

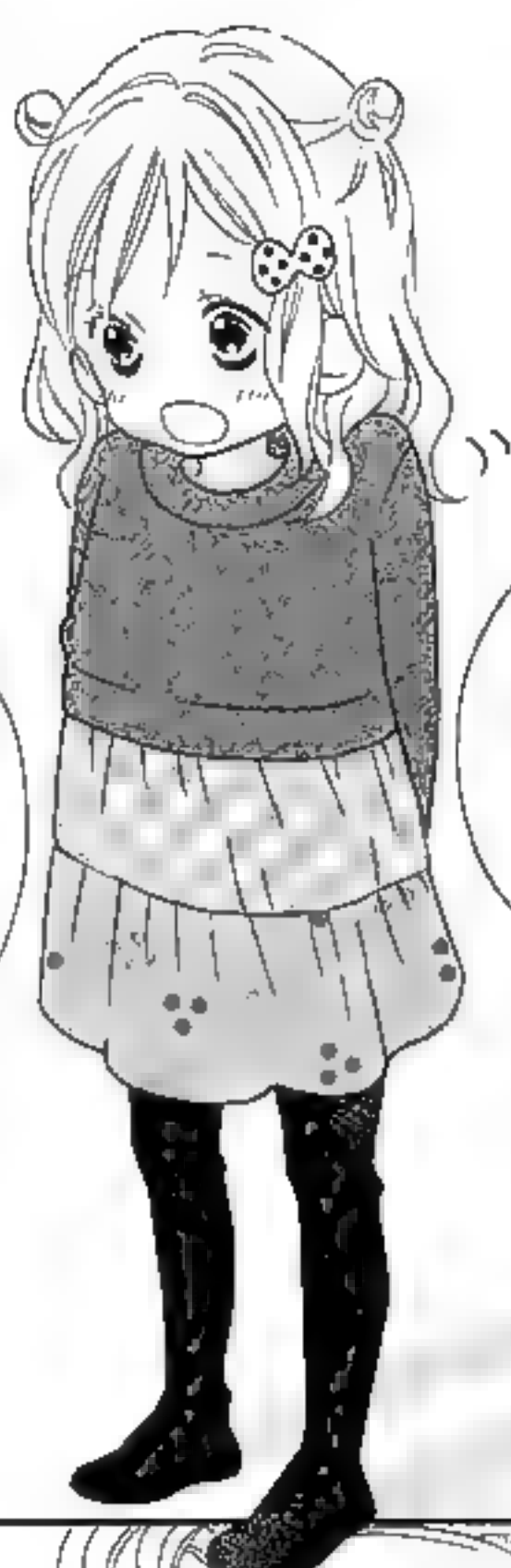
Can we eat them now?

WOW, HOMEMADE?!

How nice!





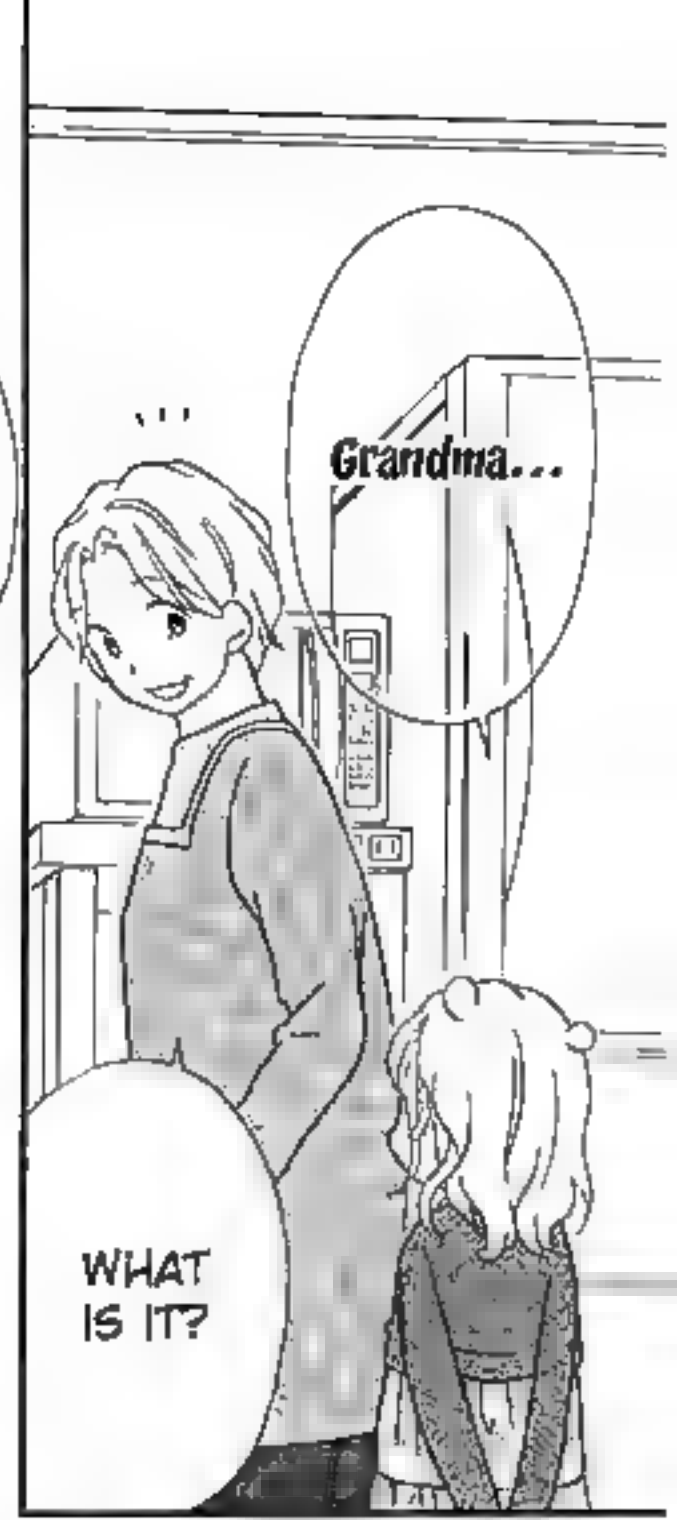


listen,

Akane
also...

wanna
make cookies

with
Grandma.



Grandma...

WHAT
IS IT?

Can't we?

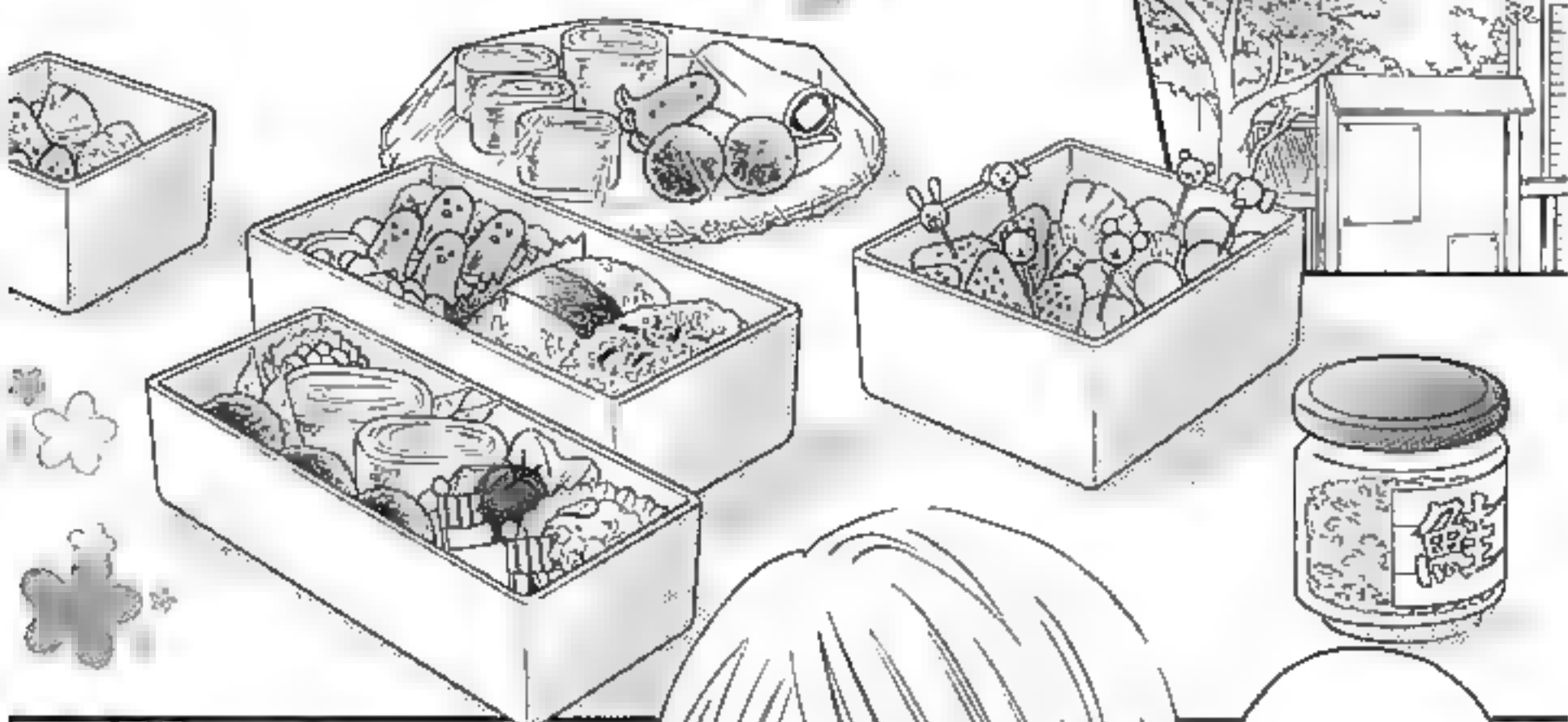






LOVE SOL^{ライフ}LIFE

Chapter 105



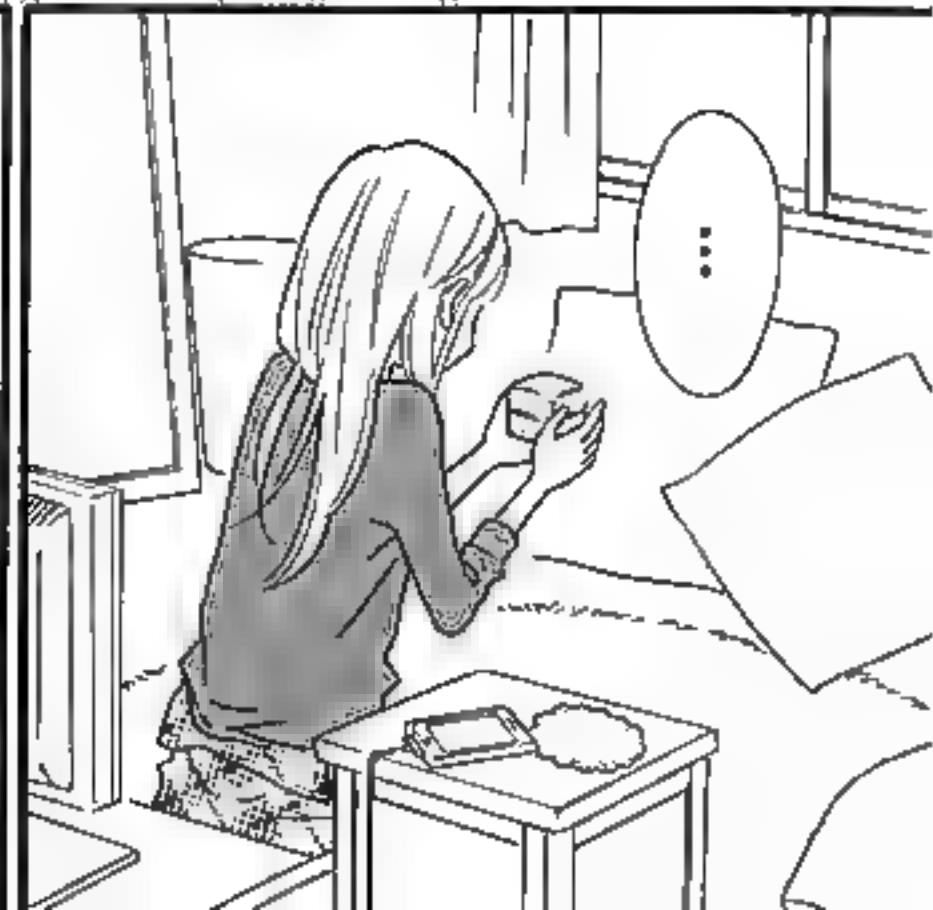
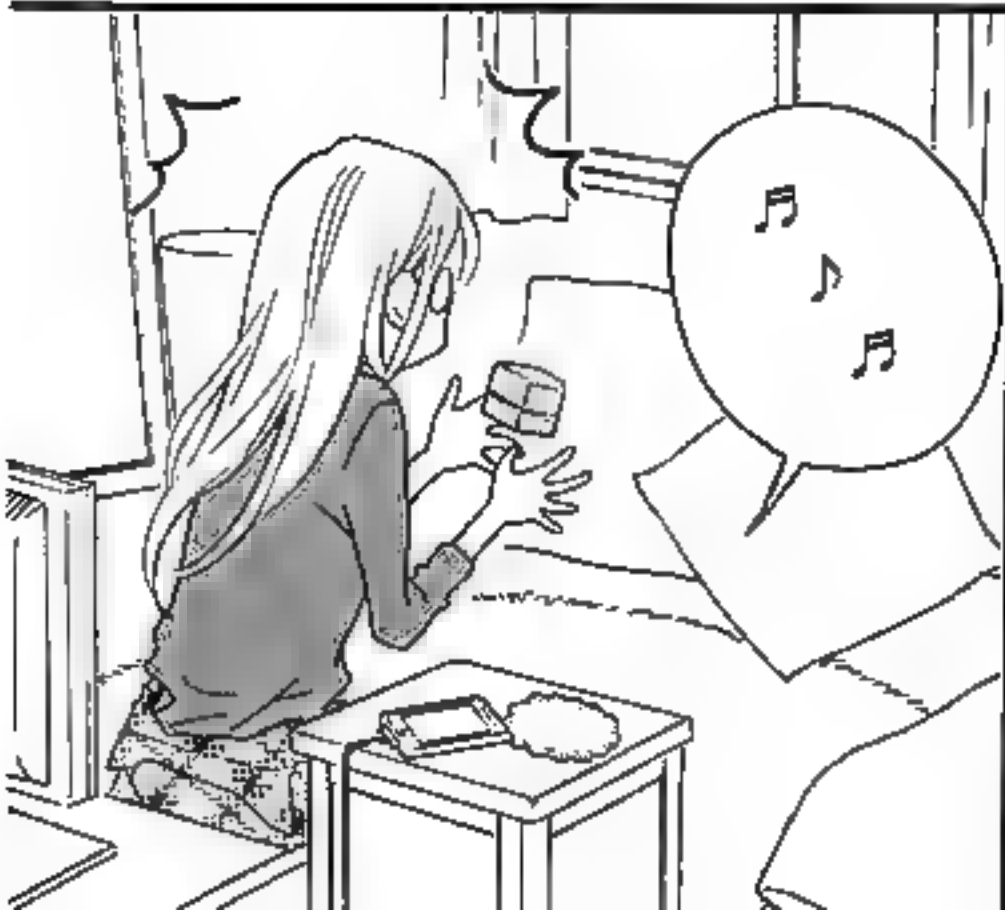
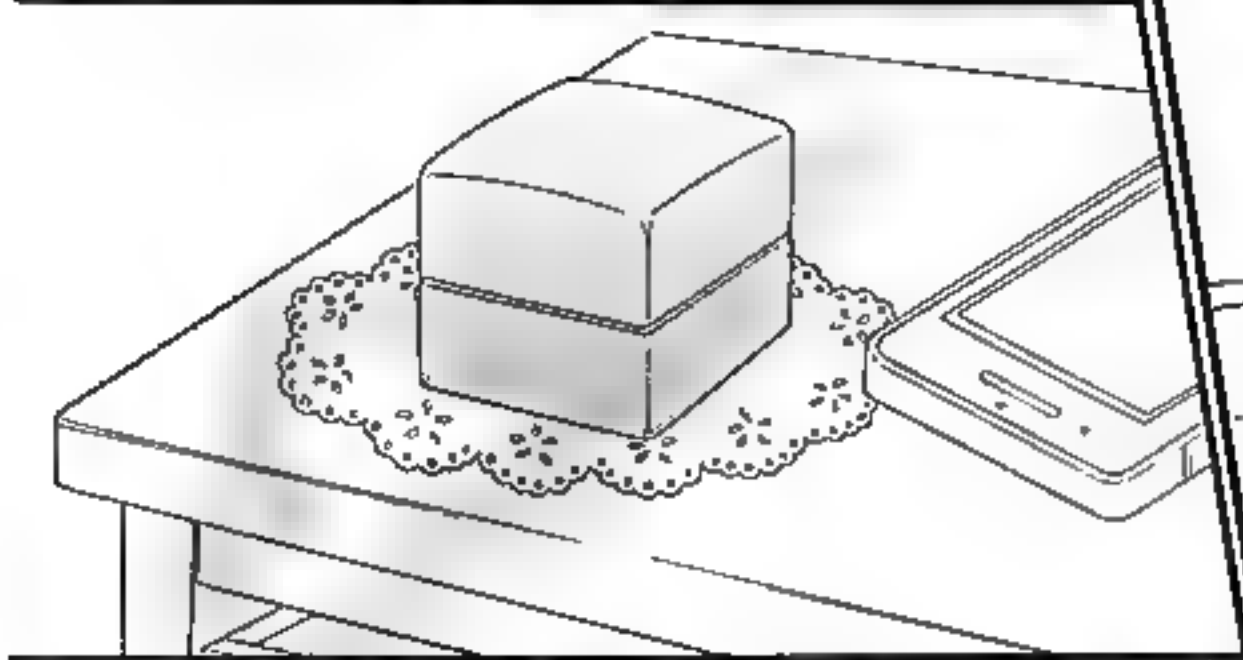
GREAT!

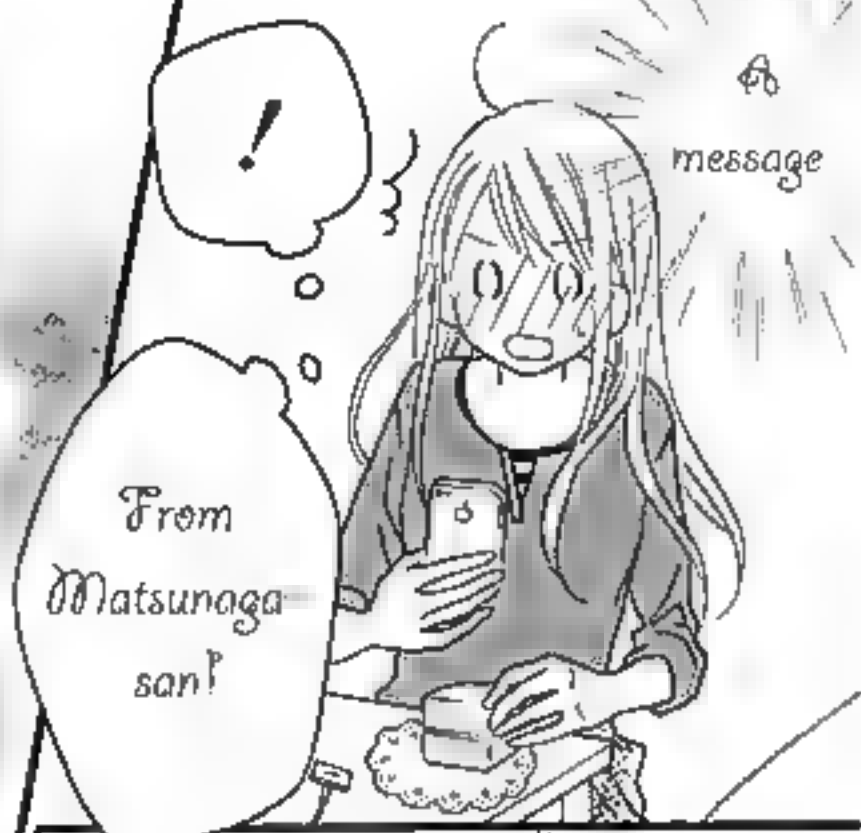
ALL DONE.





Today I'm
going to the
hanami with
everyone.





From
Matsunaga-
san!

From Matsunaga-san
To Nakamura Shiharu
.....
Seems like I can join
you all today I'll probably
be late so please let me
know where you are
later

he's
coming with
us.

Today...

Is okay
for me just to
wear this!?



what
should I
do...? Wha-

Should I
put my hair
up?



Maybe...

more
like... I
should
be...

I've got
work to do
after this

Yes

OH NO,
SEIJI-KUN,
YOU'RE
LEAVING
ALREADY?

Nooo.



I'M
SORRY.



SHIHARU-
CHAN JUST
GOT HERE.

THAT'S
TOO BAD.





WHOA,

SO TOKYO
ALSO HAS
A BIG PARK
LIKE THIS.

IT
LOOKS
VERY BIG,
ISN'T IT?



Are
Shikaru-chan
and the others
not coming
yet?

WELL, WE
ARRIVED A
BIT TOO
EARLY.

Stop
it.

I shouldn't
be too self-
conscious.

It's
not like

have
anything

going
on between
us.





Shiharu-
chan!

Oh!

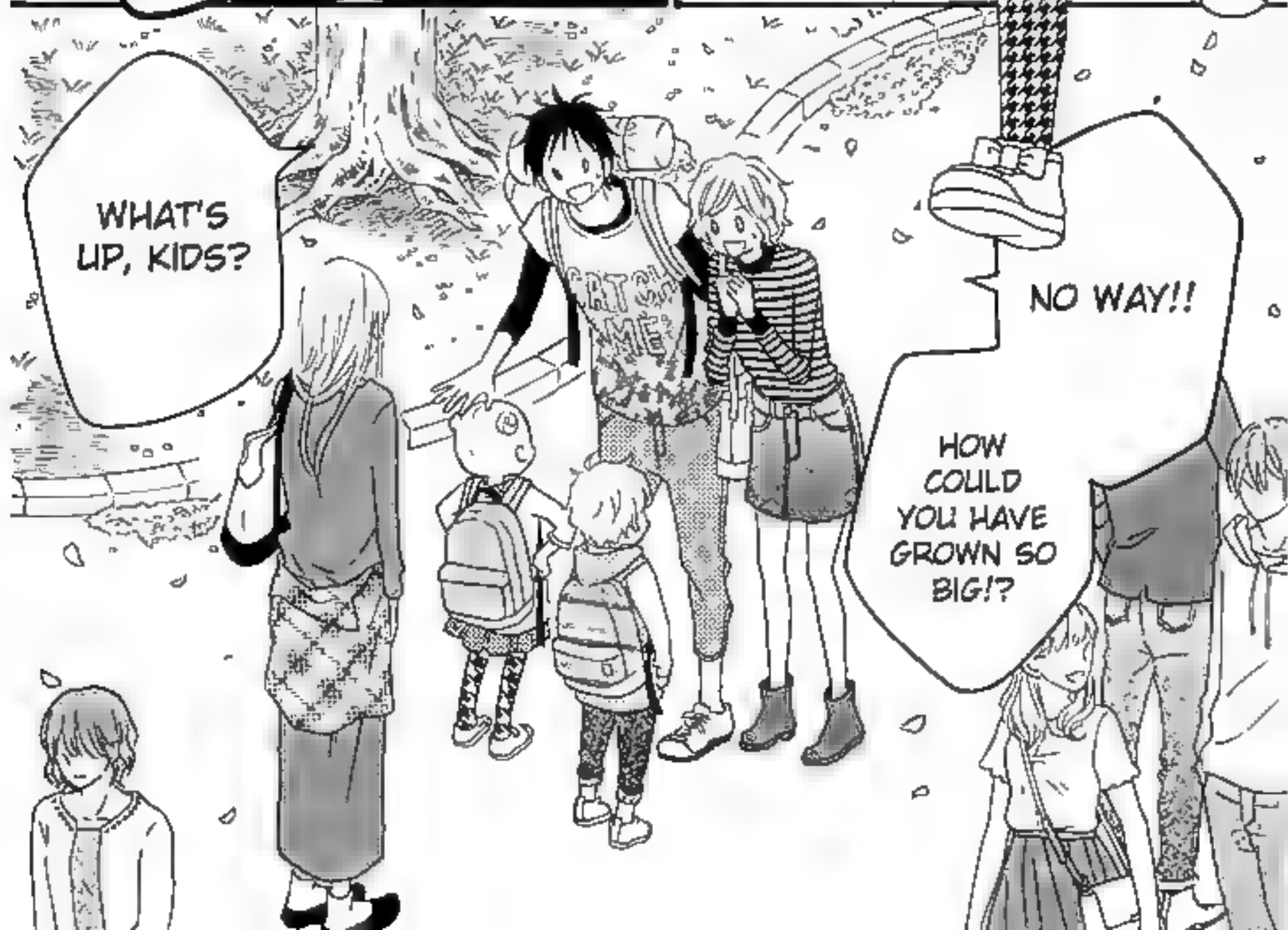
AKANE-
CHAN,
AOI-KUN!













SORRY.

I'm
so glad
we could
all come
here.

YOU'VE
NEVER MET
TAKERU-KUN
BEFORE,
RIGHT?

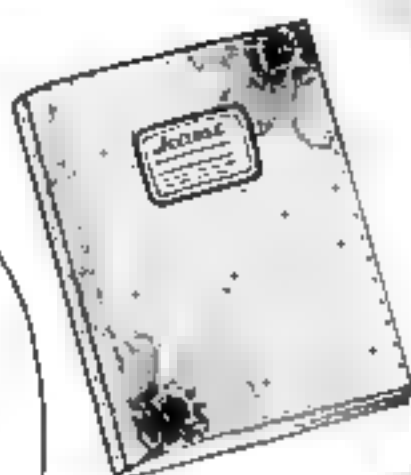
Oh
right

WE
HAVEN'T,

BUT...

HE TURNED
UP A LOT IN
THE NOTEBOOK
YOU GAVE US,
SHIHARU-
CHAN.

With
some
pictures,
too.



Kou-
chan, it's
been awhile,
huh.

OH,

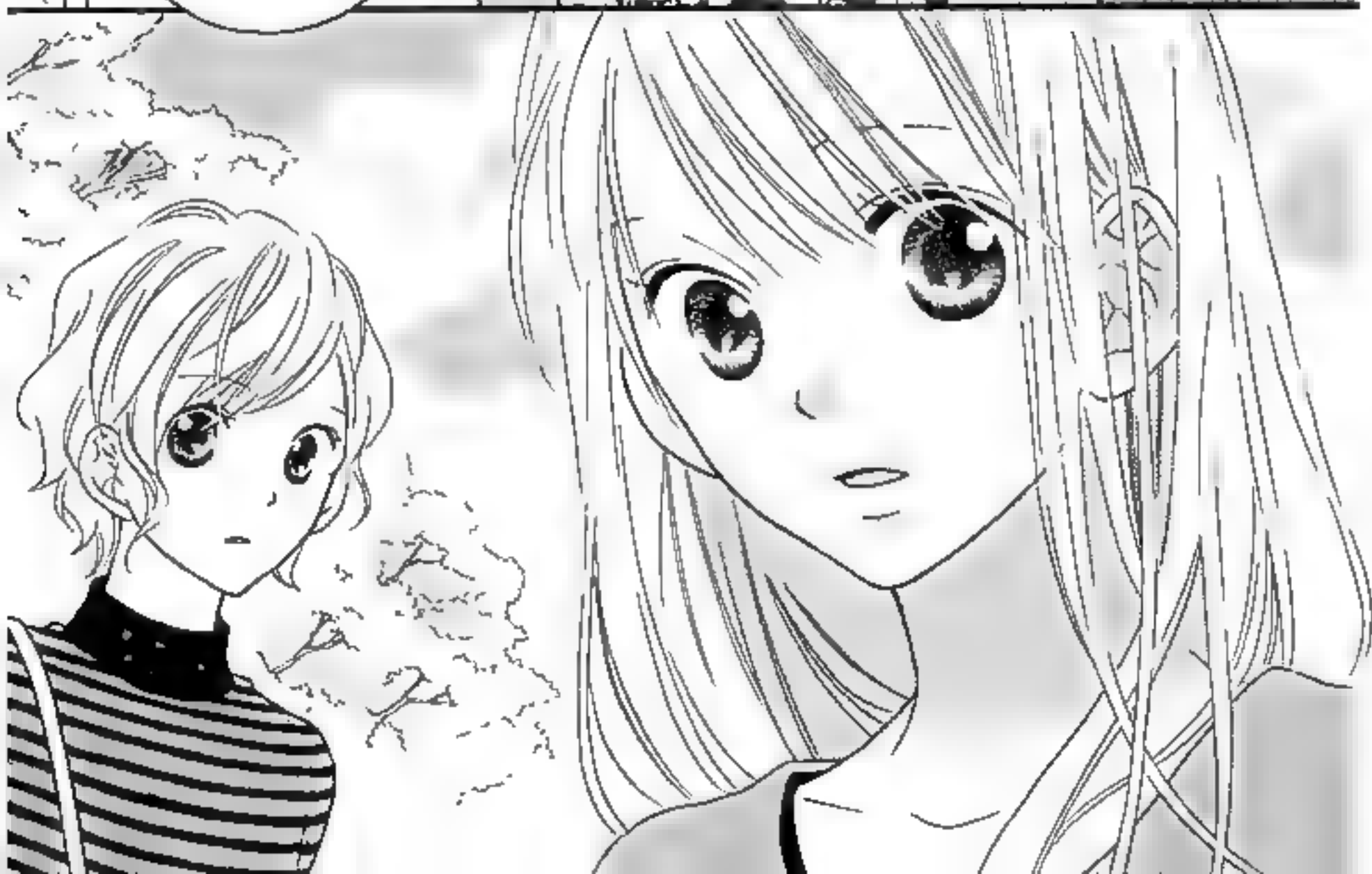
NICE
TO MEET
YOU.

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH FOR TAKING
CARE OF AKANE
AND AOI WHEN
THEY WERE
YOUNG.

WE'RE
THEIR GRAND-
PARENTS.

WHOA,
YOU HAVEN'T
CHANGED A BIT
SINCE BACK
THEN.











Yeah
eat first!

It's almost
lunch time
now, do you
want to eat
first?

Whoa,
they're
in full
bloom!

Which
spot should
we pick?

Where
to go..?

Let's
eat!

Side Panel 6

I also tried to draw Shiharu-chan and the others differently, but I can't say much about Matsunaga...

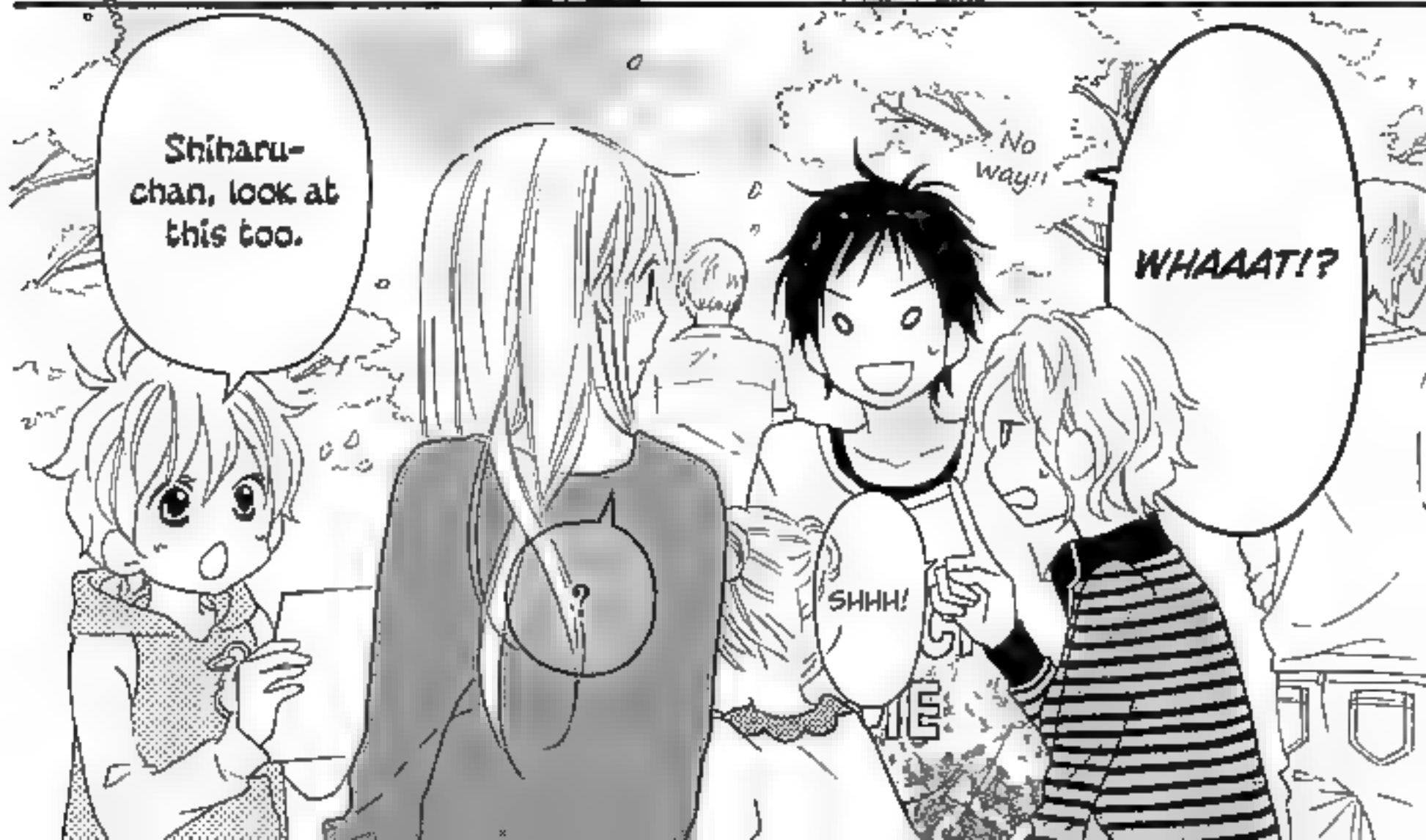
At the end, even the guy himself comments "Nothing has changed at all"!! Well, shall we say that this is thanks to the "Longevity Elixir" that Shiharu gave him before (do you remember that bit?)

It's definitely NOT the manga artist's lack of ability...

Sorry, it is indeed the manga artist's fault!!

Waaaa





* T/N the scoring for primary school in Japan, triangle = try harder, circle = good, double circle = very good/highest mark, sometimes teachers give double circle with flower petals for doing super great in the best, but it's not included in the report card





What
should you
do?!

JUST ENJOY
THE CHERRY
BLOSSOMS!

I'LL BE
ALONE WITH
MATSUNA-
GA-SAN!!

WHAT
SHOULD I DO
IF YOU'RE ALL
GONE!?

I THINK
MATSUNA-
GA-SAN IS
AVOIDING ME
NOW.

BUT...

YOU
KNOW...

I'm sure
it will be very
awkward be-
tween us!!

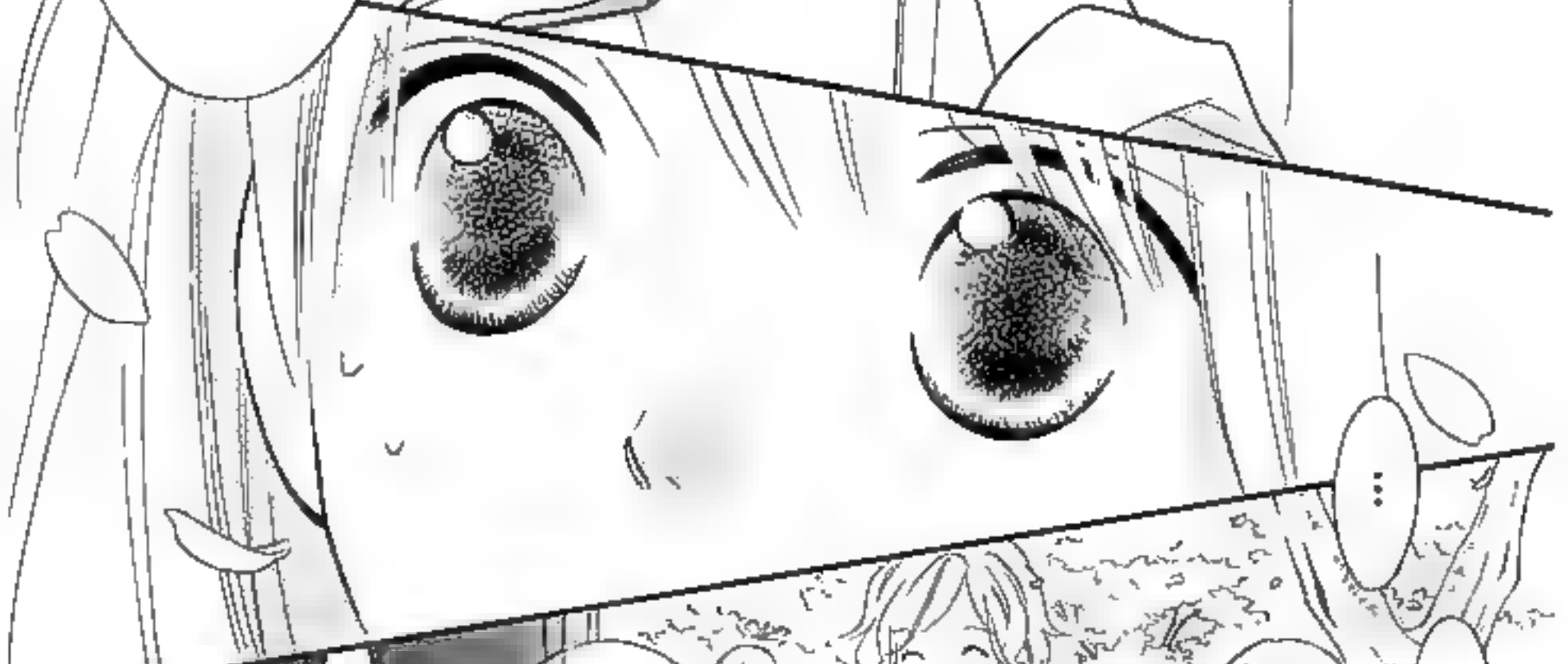
We haven't
been alone even
once in the last
6 years!!

THERE
YOU ARE!





LONG
TIME NO
SEE.



YES,
LONG TIME
NO SEE!



LOVE SO LIFE

when
I received
the ring from
Matsunaga-
san

and
he said his
confession for
the future...

That
day,



I felt so
happy. I could
burst



LOVE

SO

LIFE

Final Chapter

and the
anxiety I
felt



when I
thought about
what my future
would be like

The loss
I felt after
parting with
the twins.



The loneliness
I felt after moving
away from the
orphanage for the
first time



Job
hunting

Those were
the words that
kept me going.

I WILL
BE WAITING
FOR YOU.



Whenever
my heart
wavers,

Every
time,

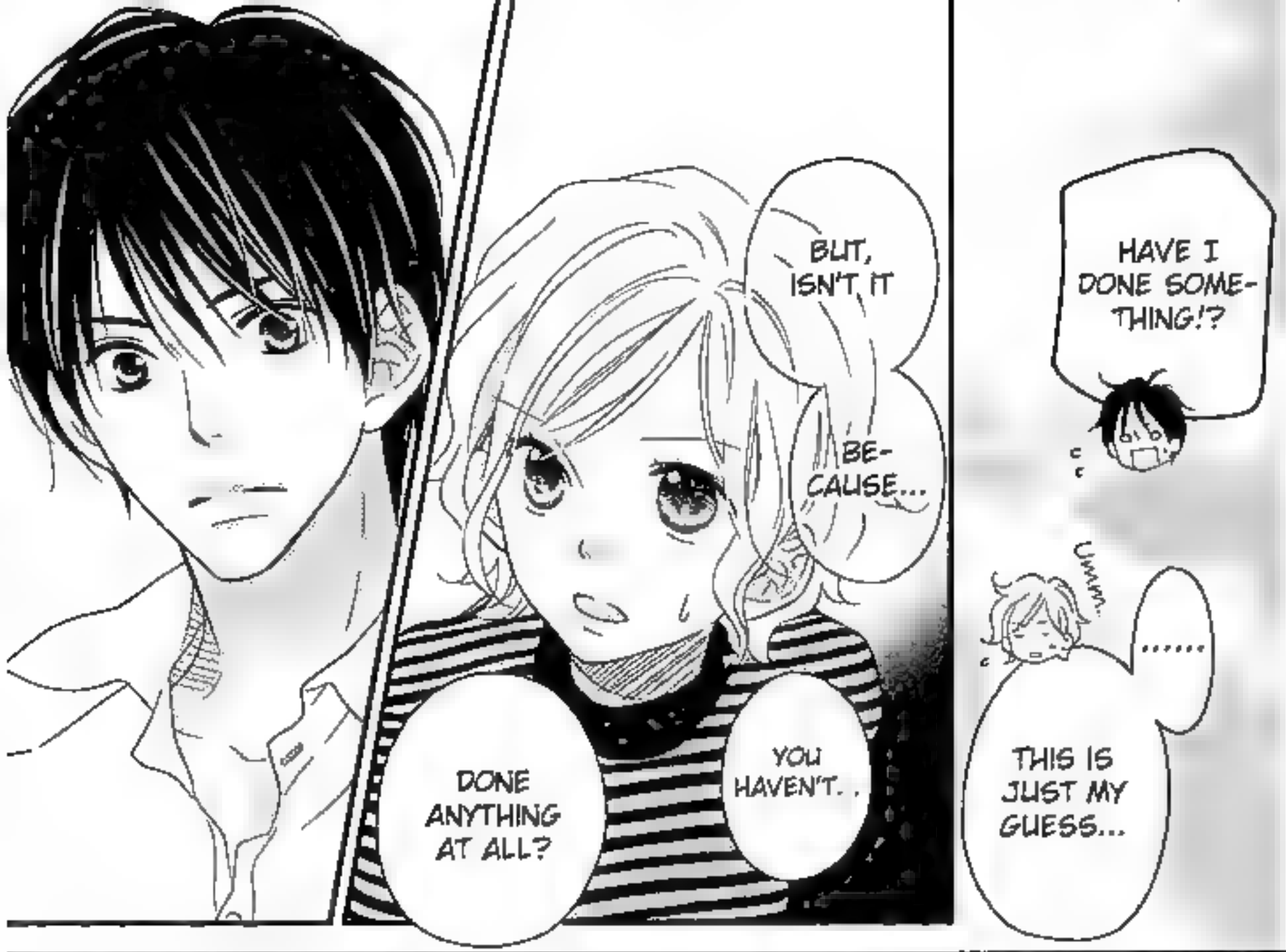


Haah

But
still...

...







Side Panel 7

By the way, on the very last page I'm including the names of those who have generously helped me in creating this manga. I tried to write everybody's name (if I missed any of you, I'm very sorry) and I got names to fit a whole class room! I didn't realize that there were that many people involved. I am truly grateful to everyone that has contributed their precious time and amazing skills. Thank you very very much!



THANKS.











GRAB

I'm
falli...





When
in truth

WELL,

BE-
CAUSE...

you've been
avoiding me all
this time.



FIRST
OF ALL,
HERE...

YOUR
FEET WILL
HURT IF YOU
KEEP RUN-
NING LIKE
THAT.

There are
stones lying
around

LOOK!

YOU'RE
NOT EVEN
WEARING
YOUR
SHOES.

been
like this

It's
always



from
way back
then.



GO
AHEAD.



Whenever
Matsunaga-
san

treats
me gently





UP
UNTIL THIS
MOMENT,

WHEN I
WAS IN HIGH
SCHOOL,

YOU SAID
YOU WOULD
WAIT FOR
ME.

THAT'S
WHY I...

I'VE BEEN
WORKING
VERY HARD.

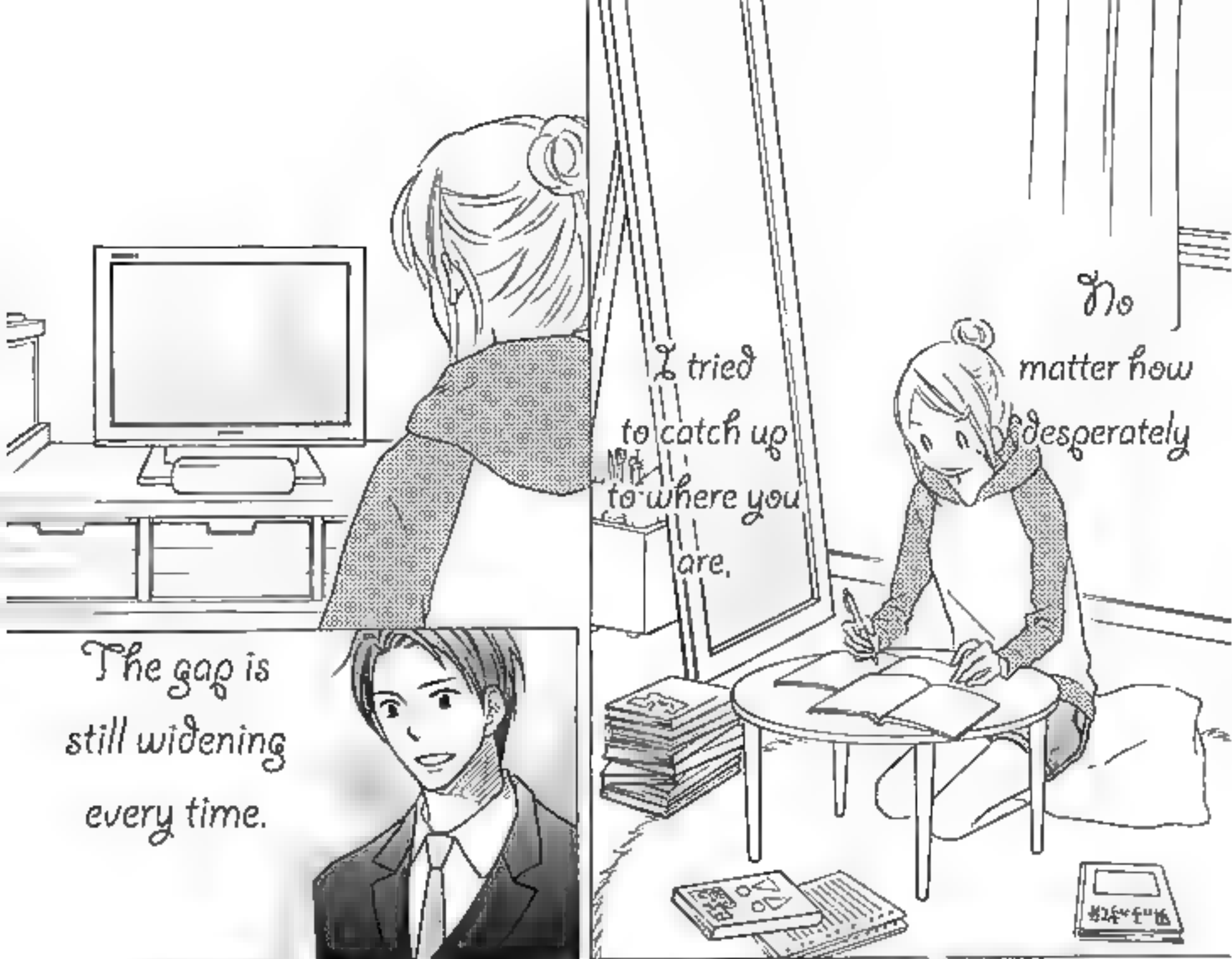
BUT
STILL...

OUT OF
MY REACH,
MATSUMA-
GA-SAN.

YOU
KEEP GETTING
FURTHER
AWAY.

YOU'VE
BECOME SOME-
ONE FROM A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
WORLD FROM
ME.





The gap is
still widening
every time.

I tried
to catch up
to where you
are.


No
matter how
desperately

In the
next 10
years.

I'll become
the adult that
Matsunaga san
expects me
to be

But
this rate...





I'll never
be able to reach
him.



...

THEN...

WHY DID
YOU...

AVOID
ME ALL THE
TIME?



...

WHAT...?

A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
WORLD...?

NOTHING
HAS CHANGED
AT ALL, YOU
KNOW.



EVEN
WHEN WE ALL
HAD A CHANCE
TO GET TO-
GETHER

SOME-
TIMES...

WITH
AKANE-CHAN
AND AOI-KUN,

YOU RAN
AWAY AND
RUSHED
HOME.

Seiji-kun
came over -
last week.

AND
ON TOP OF
THAT,

SEEMED
LIKE YOU ONLY
CARED TO MEET
THE TWINS.

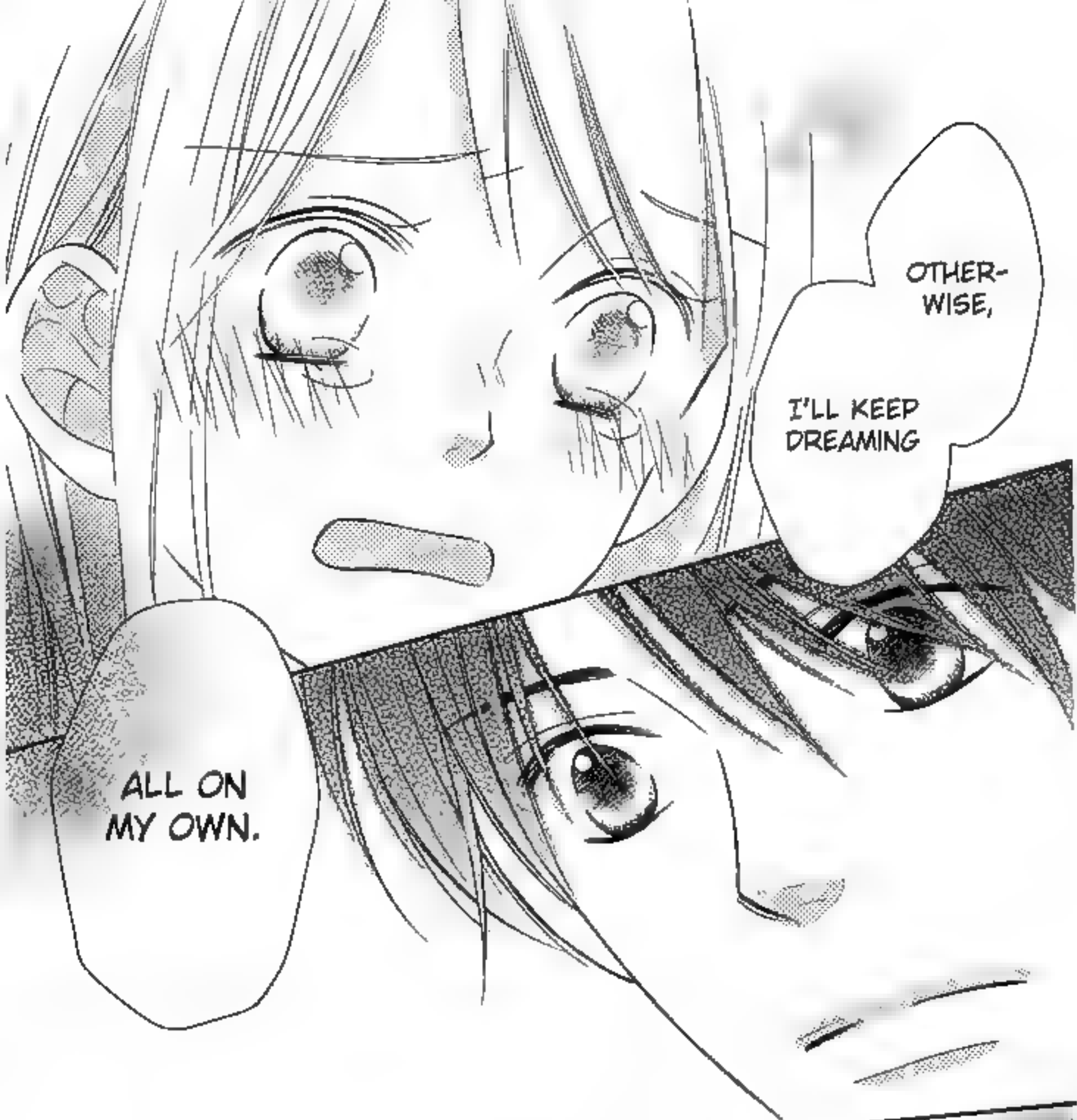
Oh,
d.d he
rea..y?

YOUR
TIMING NEVER
MATCHED
MINE.

THE
TRUTH IS...

It's
pretty
difficult
for all of
us to get
together,
isn't it?











THEN

DOES
THAT
MEAN

I
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE REALLY
BAD

IF I
DIDN'T WAIT
AND LAID MY
HANDS ON
YOU.

i'm
supposed
to be the
adult
here

THAT WAS
WHY...

I
CAN STILL
KEEP

THE RING
YOU GAVE
ME...?

...



ONLY
IF

YOU
STILL WANT
ME...

I've always
loved him.



The
person I
admire.

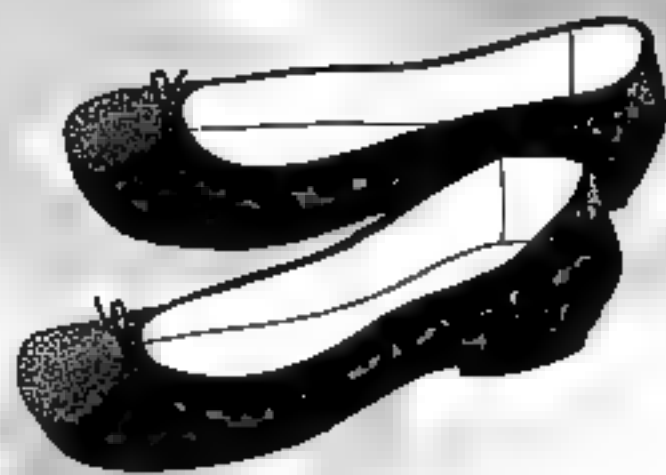
The
one that I've
been chasing
all along.





OH!

He
brought



SHIHARU,
YOU GUYS
ARE BACK.

my
shoes



YES,
WE'RE
BACK.

and
came chasing
after me.



Sometimes
my feelings of
insecurity

and great
anxiety

cannot
be concealed
completely.



While
we are
here

SHALL
WE GO
FOR A WALK
A LITTLE
BIT?

ALRIGHT.

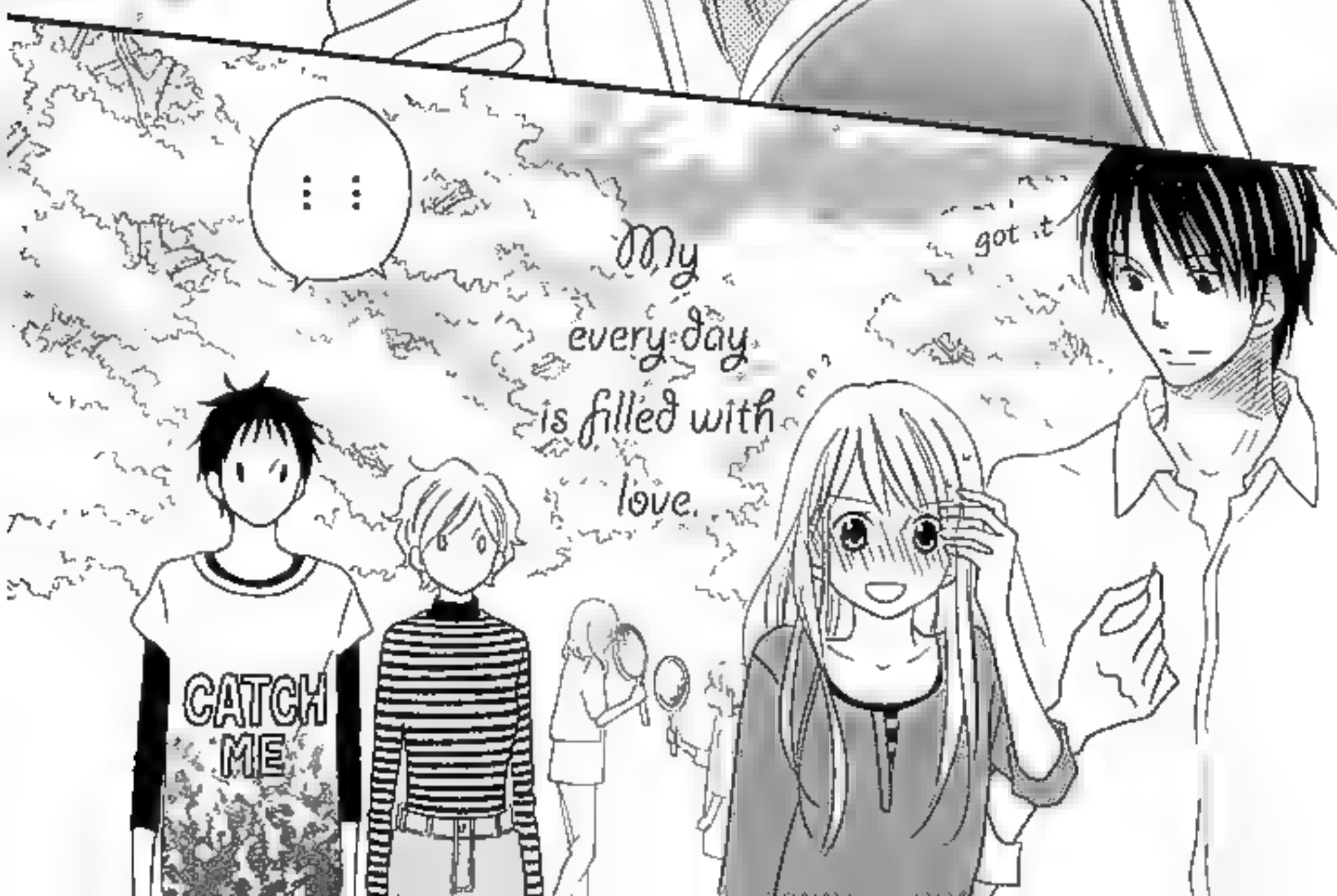
Okay!





But
if I look
up and face
forward.

I see
those people
precious to me, reach
out and lend their
hands.



I'm
certain that

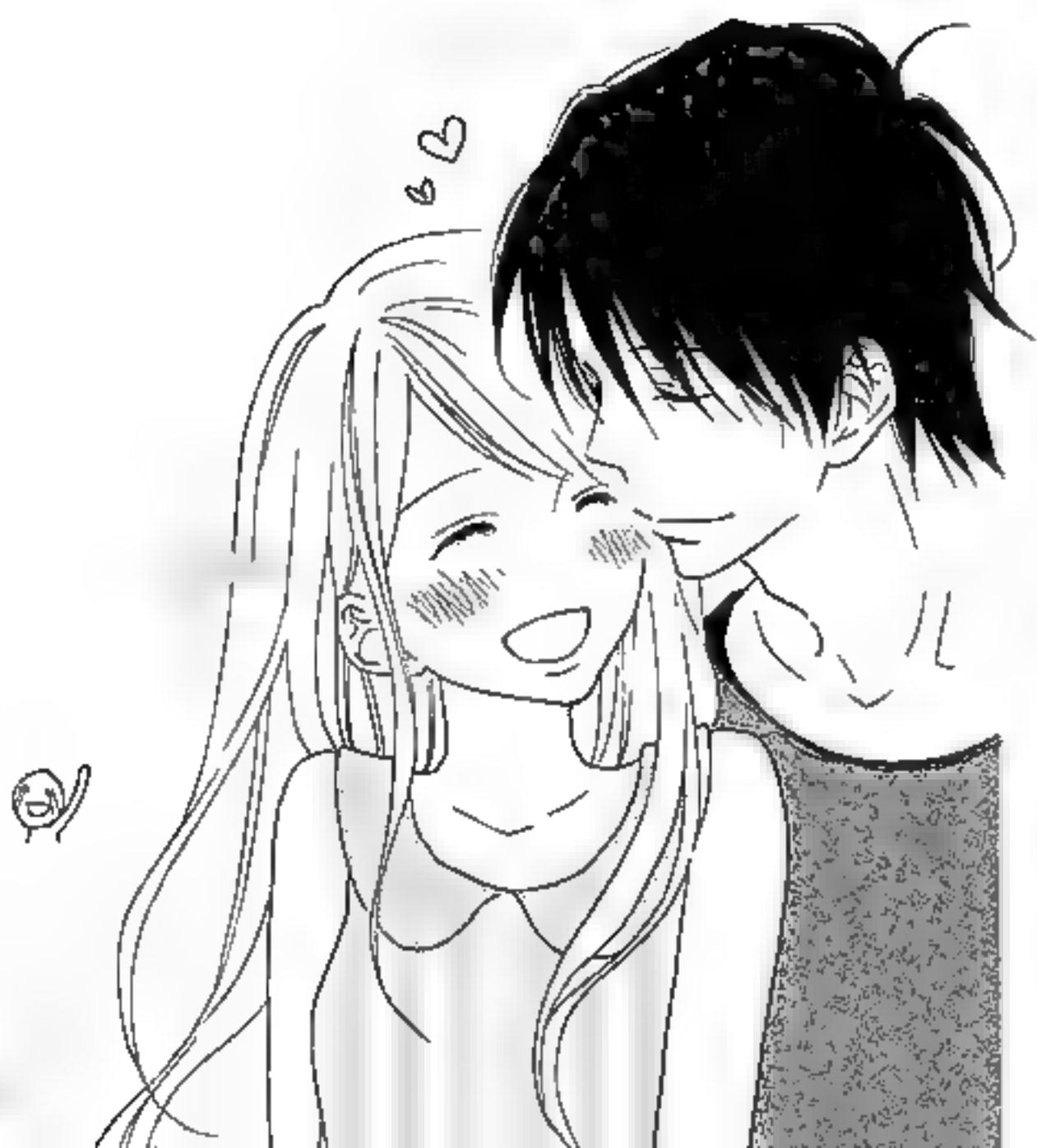
So
suspicious.

What?

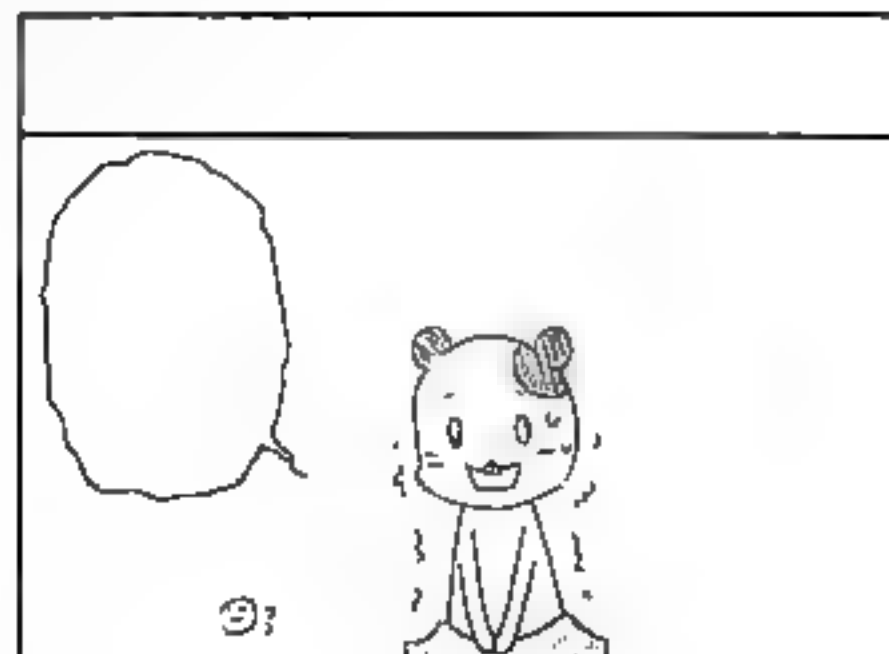
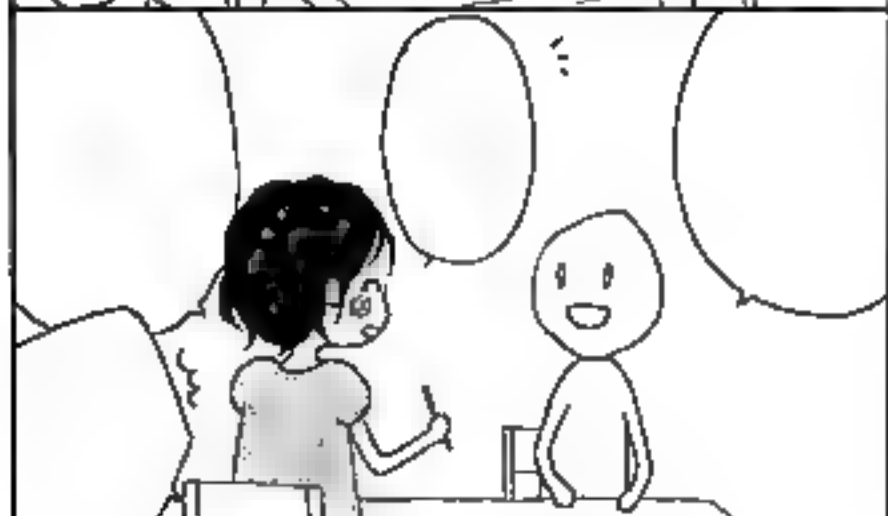
Hey, hang on!

it will
stay that way
from now
on.

LOVE-SO LIFE / THE END.



アシさんと私^{わたし}







花とゆめCOMICS

LOVE SO LIFE^{①⑦}

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